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ABSTRACT

World-wide in scope, this directory lists organizations producing braille or Talking Books, maintaining braille libraries, and exchanging resources with organizations serving blind or handicapped people. The directory is arranged in seven geographical sections: Africa, Asia, Australia (including Oceania), Europe (including U.S.S.R.), Middle East (northern Africa and the eastern Mediterranean countries), North America, and South America (including Central America and the Caribbean). Countries are arranged alphabetically within these seven sections and individual organizations alphabetically within their countries. Information about each organization includes five parts: braille production, braille distribution, Talking Books production, Talking Books distribution, and general information. Seven indexes provide access by language (28 languages are represented) and by organizational function. (CL)

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International Directory of Libraries and Production Facilities for the Blind

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Preface

The need for information regarding the availability of reading materials useful to blind and physically handicapped individuals has long been recognized. Therefore, when D. S. Zharkov, Director of the Republican Central Library for the Blind in Moscow, suggested that a project be undertaken to produce a guidebook of such resources the response was both positive and immediate.

The recommendation for the effort, which has resulted in this volume, was made to Donald Roskilly, Royal National Institute for the Blind, London, and to Frank Kurt Cylke, Director, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., during a discussion held in Strbské Pleso, Czechoslovakia, in August 1978 during a meeting of the International Federation of Library Associations.

On his return to the United States Mr. Cylke arranged for Peter Hanke, Director, Talking Books, American Foundation for the Blind, New York, to assume responsibility for development of an appropriate questionnaire and for the collection of data. This effort was funded by UNESCO (Contract 340029) and implemented by Leslie L. Clark and Dina N. Bedi, Baruch College, New York, New York. Editing of the responses and compilation of the final text was coordinated by Krandall Kraus, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

It is obvious that this directory is the product of no single mind, no one organization, and was not a solitary endeavor. Rather, it is the synergistic result of the community of librarians and producers who recognized that if resources are to be used they must be shared. In order to be shared, locations, holdings, and services must be widely known; therefore, this *International Directory of Libraries and Production Facilities for the Blind.*

How to Use the Directory

The directory is arranged in seven geographical sections— Africa, Asia, Australia (including Oceania), Europe (including the U.S.S.R.), Middle East (northern Africa and the eastern Mediterranean countries), North America, and South America (including Central America and the Caribbean). Countries are arranged alphabetically within these seven sections, and individual organizations alphabetically within their countries.

Information about each organization is divided into five parts—braille production, braille distribution, Talking Book production, Talking Book distribution, and general information. Data were taken directly from the questionnaire responses. "None" indicates that the organization does not engage in that particular activity. "No response" indicates that that part of the questionnaire was left blank.

Following the directory listings are indexes to help the reader locate organizations producing braille or Talking Books, maintaining braille libraries, and providing materials in twenty-eight different languages, as well as those organizations willing to exchange braille or Talking Books with other organizations serving blind or handicapped people. An alphabetical list of organizations appearing in the directory follows these indexes.

Each organization appearing in the directory has been assigned a three-digit code number—100s for Africa, 200s for Asia, 300s for Australia, 400s for Europe, 500s for the Middle East, 600s for North America, and 700s for South America.

To locate a particular organization or service, first find the organization's name or the service in the proper index and note the code number next to it; then turn to the section containing that number.

Example 1: To locate information on the American Printing House for the Blind, find it in the index titled "Organizations Listed in the Directory." The code number assigned to this organization is 609. Turn to the 600 section of the directory, which contains listings for North America. American Printing House for the Blind is the ninth listing in this section—number 609.

Example 2: To find out which organizations provide materials in Arabic, turn to the index titled "Organizations Providing Materials in the Following Languages," where world languages are listed alphabetically. "Arabic" is the second language listed in this index. According to the index there are eight organizations world-wide which provide materials in Arabic. One is in Asia (213), one is in Europe (413), and six are in the Middle East (502, 503, 504, 506, 507, and 508).

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Kenya

The Hadley School for the Blind
Regional Office for Africa
PO Box 31082
Nairobi, Kenya

Braille production
1,000 pages per month
specialize in secondary education textbooks
70% by volunteers
hand copying used
38 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
Grade II braille followed

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille material available:
2,000 recreational titles
1,000 textbooks
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
500 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes not maintained; single copies recorded only for the use of university students
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette
recorded on full track
maximum program lengths 30 and 45 min. per side

Talking Book distribution
to university blind students only
100% English
100% textbooks
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
machines loaned (by Kenya Society for the Blind)
machines cost more than $100

General information
patrons are 100% blind university students
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
established in 1968

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Nigeria

Nigerian National Advisory Council for the Blind
PO Box 2145
Lagos, Nigeria

Braille production
400 pages per month
specialize in textbooks in numerous subject areas
10% by volunteers
hand copying used (plate embossing and duplication projected for the future)
12 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
English Braille followed

Braille distribution
50% sold, 50% loaned
braille material available:
textbooks
vocational material
library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
20 persons and 6 organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
no response

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created by government
established 1959-1960

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Rhodesia

Jairos Jiri Association
PO Box 1065
Gwelo, Rhodesia

Braille production
300 pages per month
specialize in braille text teachers' guide books
no volunteers
hand copying used
contracted braille used

Braille distribution
none
braille material available:
textbooks
library maintained
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution limited to Rhodesia
10 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1968

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South Africa

Cape Town Civilian Blind Society
45 Salt River Road
Salt River, G.P.
South Africa

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
patrons are 70% elderly, 30% youths and working people
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1929

105

South Africa

School for the Blind
20 Adderley St.
6850 Worcester, South Africa

Braille production
2,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
hand copying, stereograph, plate embossing and press duplication used
60 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
Standard English Braille and Dic Afrikaanse Brailleslelsel followed

Braille distribution
100% sold
braille material available:
3,000 recreational titles
350 textbooks
1 magazine
vocational material (music)
library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
250 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape and compact cassette
tape speeds 1⅞ and 3¾ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program lengths 30 and 45 min per side
CCIR equalization used
250 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
7,000 titles available
50% English, 1.5% German, 48% Afrikaans, .5% Dutch
20% textbooks, 80% recreational reading
12% open reel, 88% compact cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speeds 1⅞ and 3¾ ips
machine manufacturers—a wide variety
mailing containers: metal containers (open reel tapes), suitcase carton containers (cassettes)
maximum 4 open reel tapes or 12 cassettes per package
mailing containers are reusable
4,500 mailing containers sent out each year
reel to cassette TELEX 300, 8:1 speed, 9 slaves, used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 50% students; 50% professionals, elderly, and middle-aged
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
established in 1959

106

South Africa

South African Blind Workers Organisation
214 Happiness House
120 Loveday Street
Braamfontein, Johannesburg 2001
South Africa

Braille production
52,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas, especially study and recreational
no volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
48 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
standard African languages and international alphabet followed

Braille distribution
80% sold (at 99% discount)
20% given free
braille material available:
- 745 recreational titles (500 in Afrikaans, 245 in 1 of 5 African languages)
- 200 text books
- 4 magazines
- vocational materials
- other: South African law books, minutes and agendas, private documents for individuals

no library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind
distribution to other countries allowed
100 persons or organizations ordered braille materials in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by government and volunteer organizations
established 1953

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South Africa

South African Library for the Blind
PO Box 115, Grahamstown 6140
South Africa

Braille production
1,300 pages per month
specialize in literature relevant to South Africa (other material imported)
100% volunteers
hand copying used
54 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
Standard English followed

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille material available:
6,200 recreational titles
1,600 textbooks
47 magazines
vocational material
other: chess, recipes, knitting patterns
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind and handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
610 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
3,350 titles available
85% English, 15% Afrikaans
10% textbooks, 85% recreational reading, 5% vocational material
100% Clarke & Smith Tapette
patron must return recorded material
machines both purchased by patron and loaned
machines cost less than $100
machine speed 15/16 ips
machine manufacturers include Clarke & Smith (models 2048/B/2 and 2048/u 2)
mailing containers: padded plastic pouches
maximum one tape per package
mailing containers are reusable
55,000 mailing containers sent out each year
Clarke & Smith, C system, 16:1 speed, 8 slaves, reel to cassette, used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 60% elderly, 30% adult recreational readers, 10% students and professionals
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1919

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South Africa

A.S. Leyva
National Director, Tape Aids for the Blind
14 Mitchell Crescent
Durban 4001
PO Box 47016, Greyville 4023
South Africa

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
some master tapes maintained, some tapes prepared by studio recording (TEAC X10 open reel machines)
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape
tape speed 3¾ ips
record on half track
maximum program length 45 min. per side
NAB equalization used
500 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
3,800 titles available
88% English, 9% Afrikaan, 3% other
1.2% textbooks, 89.4% recreational reading, 6.8% vocational materials, 2.6% other
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return materials
machine is loaned to patron
machine costs less than $100
machine speed 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers include Sanyo, National (model RU 2106), others
mailing containers: fiberboard transit case containing cassette storage cases
maximum 24 tapes or discs per package
mailing containers are reusable
50,000–55,000 mailing containers sent out each year
Telex 300, 8:1, 9 slaves, used to record sample materials

General information
patrons are 66% elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1958

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Swaziland

Mrs. H. Smith
Secretary, Swaziland Society for the Handicapped
PO Box 983
Mbabone, Swaziland

Braille production
50 pages per month
specialize in material for the Resources for the Blind at the St. Joseph's School, Mzimpotu
no volunteers
hand copying used
5 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
Perkins Brailler Machine used

Braille distribution
5% given free, none sold
braille material available:
30 recreational titles
50 textbooks
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution limited to Swaziland

Talking Book production
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette
tape speed 3¾ ips
maximum program length 45 min. per side
3 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
5% textbooks, 2% recreational
2% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
machine is given to patron
machines cost more than $100
machine manufacturers include Perkins (Brailler)

General information
patrons are 100% students
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
estabiished in 1970

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Zimbabwe

Council for the Blind
Box 506
Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Braille production
600 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
10% by volunteers
20 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
Standard English Braille followed

Braille distribution
20% sold, 10% loaned, 70% given free
braille material available:
20 recreational titles
230 textbooks
vocational material
other: supplementary readers
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution limited to Zimbabwe
12 organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette
maximum program length of 30 min. per side
30 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
50% English, 50% other
50% textbooks, 30% recreational reading, 15% vocational material, 5% other
100% Philips Compact Cassette
some recordings kept by patron, some must be returned
machine loaned to patron
machine costs vary
machine speed 33⅓ rpm
machine manufacturers include Philips (models N2208 and N2228)
mailing containers: cardboard boxes
maximum 15 tapes or discs per package
mailing containers are reusable
100 mailing containers sent out each year

General information
patrons are 67% students, 33% lawyers and elderly
established in 1965

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Zimbabwe

National Society for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
PO Box 144
Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on Clarke & Smith Tapette cartridge
tape speed 3¾ ips
maximum program length 120 min. total cassette
581 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
1,600 titles available
100% English
100% recreational reading
100% Clarke & Smith Tapette
patron must return recorded material
machine loaned to patron
machines cost more than $100
machine speed 3¾ ips
manufacturers include Clarke & Smith (model Clark I and II)
mailing containers: plastic pouches
maximum 1 tape or cassette per package
mailing containers are reusable

General information
patrons are elderly persons and veterans
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1936

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Bangladesh

Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
International M/S. Library of Bangladesh
3, Malitola Rd., PO Box 258
G.P.O. Dacca-1
Bangladesh

Braille production
5,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
50% by volunteers
hand copying used
129 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
10% sold, 40% loaned, 50% given free
braille material available:
67 recreational titles
112 textbooks
other: braille writing papers, writing instruments, books and journals in other languages
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
217 persons and 214 organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
47 titles available
100% English
5% recreational reading, 95% other
30% Philips Compact Cassette, 70% phonograph disc
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machines cost more than $100
machine speeds 15/16 ips and 33⅓ rpm
machine manufacturers include Philips and National Panasonic
mailing containers are not reusable
450 mailing containers sent out each year

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1973

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Hong Kong

Hong Kong Association of the Blind
402 Caritas Social Centre
134 Boundary St., Kowloon, Hong Kong

Braille production
specialize in education and Chinese/English dictionaries
50% by volunteers
thermoform stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
both contracted and uncontracted used

Braille distribution
100% sold (non-profit)
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed

Talking Book production
master tapes not maintained—material recorded cassette tape to cassette tape
recorded on compact cassette
tape speed 1⅞ ips
recorded on full track
maximum program length 45 min. per side
1 title recorded in 1979
not willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
100% Cantonese
5% recreational reading, 10% vocational material, 40% educational material, 25% news, 20% manuscript
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron keeps recorded material
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speed 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers include Sanyo, National, Sony, Hitachi
mailing containers: envelopes
maximum 1 tape per package
mailing containers are not reusable
1,500 mailing containers sent out each year
"Pentagon" cassette tape to cassette tape duplicator (16:1 speed) used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 95% blind members, 5% concerned persons and organizations
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1964

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Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Society for the Blind
Braille and Talking Book Library
33 Granville Road, 6/F
Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Braille production
3,500 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
80% by volunteers
hand copying used
78 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
English Braille Grade II and Cantonese Braille followed

Braille distribution
3% sold, 92% loaned, 5% given free
braille material available:
420 recreational titles
430 textbooks
1 magazine
other: circulars, minutes, notes, annual reports
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind and handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
360 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape and Philips Compact Cassette
tape speeds 3¾ and 7½ ips
recorded on 4 track
maximum program lengths 60 and 90 min. per side
NAB equalization used
56 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
220 titles available
35% English, 65% Chinese (Cantonese)
34% textbooks, 66% recreational reading
100% Philips Compact Cassette
some recordings kept by patron, some must be returned
patron purchases machine
machine costs less than $100
machine speed 1⅞ ips
mailing containers: paper envelopes
maximum 4 tapes per package
mailing containers are not reusable
6,820 mailing containers sent out each year
Pentagon C32, Otari Duplicator, Philips Tape Recorder, 16:1 speed, 5 slaves, used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 50% students, 50% young working people
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1956

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India

Dehra Dun Training Centre
Uttar Pradesh
India

no response

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India

The Indian Federation of the Blind
Taruvai, Thirunelveli 627360
India

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
established in 1964

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India

National Association for the Blind
51 Mahatma Gandhi Rd.
Bombay-1, India

Braille production
96,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
19 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted used
British S.E.B. rules followed

Braille distribution
90% sold, 10% given free
braille material available:
53 recreational titles
81 textbooks
3 magazines
other: atlas and picture book
no library maintained
no material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
100 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program length 90 min. per side
equalizations not used
95 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
600 titles available
33% English, 67% Indian languages
40% textbooks, 60% recreational reading
95% Clarke & Smith Tapette, 5% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
machine loaned to patron
machines cost more than $100
machine speed 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers include Clarke & Smith (Mark I model) and Bush Cassette Recorders (T.P. 100 model)
mailing containers: metal containers (Mark I) and cardboard boxes (compact cassettes)
maximum 1 Mark I or 12 compact cassettes per package
mailing containers are reusable
400 mailing containers sent out each year

General information
patrons are 67% students, 33% adults and elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
Braille Press established in 1958, Talking Book Project in 1963

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India

Vocational Rehabilitation Training Center for the Blind
Ludhiana, Punjab, India

Braille production
3,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
80% by volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, computer embossing, and press duplication used
both contracted and uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
25% sold, 25% loaned, 50% given free
braille material available:
500 recreational titles
200 textbooks
vocational material
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
60 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production (proposed)
will record on Philips Compact Cassette and Clarke & Smith Tapette
maximum program length 90 min. per side
NAB and CCIR equalizations to be used
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution (proposed)
50% English, 25% Hindi, 25% Punjab
some recordings kept by patron, some must be returned
machines both purchased by patron and loaned
machine costs vary
machine manufacturers include Philip, Bush
mailing containers are reusable

General information
patrons are students, lawyers, lecturers, administrators, and others
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1964

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Japan

Japan Library Association
1-10, 1-Chome
Taishido, Setagaya Ku
Tokyo 154, Japan

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
established in 1892

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Japan

Nippon Lighthouse, Welfare Center for the Blind
4-37, Imazu Naka 2-chome
Tsurumi-ku, Osaka
Japan

Braille production
2,500 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
10% by volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication; and computer embossing and press duplication used
71 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted used
Japan Braille Inscribed Law and English Braille American Edition (1959/revised 1972) followed

Braille distribution
100% sold
braille material available:
48 recreational titles
99 textbooks
2 magazines
vocational material
other: public information of local self-governing body, guide map, braille signs, thermo map, large point books
library maintained
materials not exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
150 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
tape speeds 1⅞, 3¾, 7½ ips
record on full track (maximum 3 track), half track (maximum 10 tracks), 2 tracks (maximum 16 tracks), 4 tracks (maximum 3 tracks)
maximum program lengths 30, 45, and 60 min. per side
NAB and RIAA equalizations used
151 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
1,473 titles available
100% Japanese
15% textbooks, 75% recreational reading, 5% vocational material, 5% other
3% open reel, 97% phonograph disc
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speeds 1⅞, 3¾ ips
machine manufacturers include Sony, Panasonic, Sanyo, Toshiba, Victor, Aiwa
mailing containers: hard plastic case, leather case
maximum 8 cassettes per hard case or 2 cassettes per leather case
mailing containers are reusable
41,465 mailing containers sent each year
TEAC A-1600 cassette or open reel to cassette, 16:1 speed, 10 slaves, used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 32% students, 41% therapists, 6% professionals
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago

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Japan

S. Matsumoto
Director, Railway Welfare Association
5 1 Kojimachi, Chiyoda Ku
Tokyo, Japan

no response

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Korea

General Secretary
Korean Nat. Welfare Comm. for the Blind
PO Box 381
Kwang Hwa Moon
Seoul, Korea

Braille production
700 pages per month
in numerous subject areas, especially the biweekly Braille News and a Korean/Korean-English dictionary
30% by volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
5 titles produced in 1979
Korean Standard Braille system followed

Braille distribution
100% given free
braille material available:
1 magazine
vocational material
recreational titles
other: science, history, etc.
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution limited to Korea
20 organizations ordered braille materials in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
none

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Malaysia

Executive Director
Malayan Association for the Blind
PO Box 687
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Braille production
2,800 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
10% by volunteers
hand copying used
90 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
Standard English Braille and Malaysian Braille Code followed

Braille distribution
10% sold, 90% loaned
braille material available:
1,400 recreational titles
400 textbooks
7 magazines
vocational material
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
2 organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes not maintained; volunteers tape material on compact cassettes for students in institutions of higher learning
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette
maximum program lengths 30 and 45 min. per side
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
100% textbooks
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron keeps recorded material
machines both purchased by patron and loaned
machine costs vary
machine manufacturers include Sony, Philips, JVC
mailing containers: none

General information
patrons are mostly students
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
established in 1951

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Pakistan

Hatim Alavi Memorial Braille Library
Ida Rieu Poor Welfare Association
Nizami Road Old Exhibition
Karachi 3, Pakistan

Braille production
300 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
10% by volunteers
hand copying and computer embossing, press duplication used
58 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille (Grade 2) used

Braille distribution
100% given free
braille material available:
recreational titles
textbooks
1 magazine
library maintained
materials exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed

Talking Book production
maintain taped masters
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette using Akai model GXC-310
program lengths 30, 45, 60, 90 min. per side
86 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tapes with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
86 titles available
recorded in English, Urdu, and Arabic
30% textbooks, 70% recreational reading
patron must return materials
machine is given to patron
machine costs over $100
machine manufacturers include Philips, National, Sanyo, Orion, Ocean
no mail distribution

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by government and by voluntary organizations
established in 1976

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Philippines

Institute of Opthaimology
UP-PGH Compound, Taft Ave.
Metro Manila, 2801 Philippines

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1965

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Philippines

Dante M. Capistrano
Special Schools Principal
Philippine National School for the Blind
2620 F.B. Harrison St.
Pasay City, Philippines

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking book distribution
none

General information
created by government
established in 1963

216

Singapore

Singapore Association for the Blind
47 Toa Payoh Rise
Singapore 1129

Braille production
800-1,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
20% by volunteers
hand copying used
12 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
American and Standard English Braille Grade II followed

Braille distribution
85% loaned, 15% given free
braille materials available:
100 recreational titles
300 textbooks
15 magazines
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
150 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette
tape speed 1 7/8 ips
recorded on full track
maximum program lengths 30 and 45 min. per side
RIAA equalizations used
50 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
50 titles available
100% English
20% textbooks, 60% recreational reading, 20% vocational material
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speeds 1⅞ ips and 8, 16, and 33⅓ rpm
manufacturers include Teac Corporation (models 103 and 280)
mailing containers: envelopes
maximum 4 tapes or discs per package
mailing containers are not reusable
100-150 mailing containers sent out each year
cassette duplication system used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 50% students, 50% other
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1951

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Thailand

Caulfield Memorial Library
78/2 Tivanond Rd.
Pakkred, Nondaburi, Thailand

Braille production
1,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
10% by volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
both contracted and uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
tape speed 3¾ ips
record on cassette tape, 2 sides
maximum program length 30 min. per side
55 titles recorded in 1979
not willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
patrons are 90% elderly, 10% students
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1977

301

Australia

The Executive Director
Association for the Blind of W.A., Inc.
61 Kitchener Ave.
Victoria Park W.A. 6100, Australia

Braille production
1,200 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
90% by volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
69 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
Standard English Braille Notation followed

Braille distribution
2% sold, 98% loaned
braille material available:
450 recreational titles
350 textbooks
15 magazines
other: calendars; informational material such as directories of services for the blind, list of postal codes, sporting fixtures; examination papers
library maintained
materials exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
50 persons and organizations ordered brailled material between January and March 1980

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette
tape speed 1⅞ ips
recorded on half track, maximum 2 tracks
maximum program length 90 min. per side
RIAA and DIN equalizations used
55 titles recorded in 1979

Talking Book distribution
280 titles available
100% English
55% textbooks, 45% recreational reading
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
machines both purchased by patron and loaned
machine costs vary
machine speeds 15/16 and 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers include Telex (model TBC1) and Hitachi (model TRQ-340)
mailing containers: vinyl envelopes with velcro sealing strips
maximum 2 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
8,000 mailing containers sent out each year
TELEX cassette copier, ser. no. 90, used to record sample material; Copier I and II duplicate at 30 ips, rewind 60 ips

General information
patrons are 50% students, 50% elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1977

302

Australia

Director, Australian National Social Sciences Library
Canberra A.C.T. 2600, Australia

Braille production
100% loaned
braille material available:
600 recreational titles
200 nonfiction/textbook titles
2 magazines
library maintained
materials not exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind and handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
10 persons and organizations ordered braille materials in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of materials and services produced and distributed is at the same level as 5 years ago
created by government
established in 1960

303

Australia

Braille and Talking Book Library
31-51 Commercial Rd., South Yarra
Victoria, Australia, 3141

Braille production
500 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
40% by volunteers
hand copying; computer embossing, press duplication (thermoform) used
60 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
Standard English Braille followed

Braille distribution
1% sold, 1% given free, 98% loaned
braille material available:
6,000 recreational titles
500 textbooks
10 magazines
vocational material
other: zip code; metric conversion charts; train, tram, and bus routes; greeting cards; football and cricket fixtures; manuals for household machines
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
400 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape, Philips Compact Cassette, and Clarke & Smith Tapette cartridge
tape speed 1⅞ ips
recorded on full track and half track
maximum program lengths 45 and 90 min. per side
NAB equalization used
10 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
10 titles available
99% English, 1% French (Greek, Italian, Turkish, and Vietnamese proposed for future recordings)
5% textbooks, 80% recreational reading, 15% vocational material
40% Clarke & Smith Tapette, 60% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return material
machines both purchased by patron and loaned
machines cost more than $100
machine speeds 15/16 and 1 7/8 ips
machine manufacturers include Clarke & Smith (model Mark 4), and Philips (cassette players)
mailing containers: plastic padded envelopes
maximum 3 cassettes or 1 Clarke & Smith tape per package
Clarke & Smith duplication system used to record some sample material; some is recorded by outside contractors

General information
patrons are 63% elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1894

304

Australia

Braille Writers Association
Lewis St
N. Hobart 7000, Tasmania
Australia

Braille production
50 pages per month
specialize in fiction
100% by volunteers
hand copying used
2 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
Standard English Braille followed

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille material available:
1,400 recreational titles
2 magazines
library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
4 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
997 titles available
100% English
100% recreational reading
100% Clark & Smith Tapette
patron must return recorded material
machine is given to patron
machine costs more than $100
machine speed 15/16 ips
machine manufacturers include Clarke & Smith (model 2048)
mailing containers: type 831
maximum 1 tape per package
mailing containers are reusable
7,500 mailing containers sent out each year

General information
patrons are 67% elderly, 33% young
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
established in 1930

305

Australia

Queensland Braille Writing Association
507, Ipswich Rd.
Annerly, Queensland, 4103
Australia

Braille production
10,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
100% by volunteers (all production and distribution)
hand copying, thermoform duplication used
647 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
Standard English Braille followed

Braille distribution
80% loaned, 20% given free
braille material available:
2,000 recreational titles
1,000 textbooks
6 magazines
other: cook books, S.T.D. Post Code, special orders (for example, menus for leading hotels)
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
96 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
established in 1897

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Australia

Royal Blind Society of New South Wales
PO Box 176
Burwood, N.S.W., 2134, Australia

Braille production
3,009 pages of master sheets, 3,343 pages of thermoform copies per month
in numerous subject areas
30% by volunteers
hand copying and thermoforming used
256 titles produced
contracted braille used
Standard English Braille followed

Braille distribution
12% sold, 81% loaned, 7% given free
braille material available:
4,000 recreational titles
280 textbooks
30 magazines
vocational material
other: special orders, informational material such as concert programs, football and cricket fixture lists, home appliance instructions, seminar programs, minutes of committee meetings
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
250 persons and organizations ordered braille in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape (Talking Books) and Philips Compact Cassette (student material)
tape speeds 1⅞ ips (student material) and 3¾ ips (Talking Books)
recorded on half track and quarter track
maximum program lengths 45 and 90 min. per side
NAB equalization used
870 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
3,000 titles available
99% English, 7 Greek titles
40% textbooks, 45% recreational reading, 3% vocational material, 2% other
30% Clarke & Smith Tapette, 70% Philips Compact Cassette
some recordings kept by patron, some must be returned
machine is loaned to patron
machines cost more than $100
machine speeds 15/16 and 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers include Clarke & Smith, TELEX (model TBC)
mailing containers: plastic pouches and jiffy bags
maximum 1 Clarke & Smith Tapette, 3 Compact Cassettes per package
plastic pouches are reusable, jiffy bags are not
TELEX 300 in cassette copier, 8:1 speed, 18 slaves and TELEX Copier I, in cassette, 12:1 speed, 1 slave, used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 80% elderly, 1% students
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1880, recognized by act of parliament in 1901

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Australia

Royal Guide Dogs for the Blind Associations of Australia
PO Box 162, Kew
Victoria, 3101 Australia

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
tape speed 1⅞ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program lengths 30, 45, and 60 min. per side
12 titles recorded in 1979

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
established in 1958

308

Australia

Royal Society for the Blind of South Australia Inc.
Blacks Rd.
Gilles Plains, 5086, Australia

Braille production
500 pages per month
specialize in fiction
20% by volunteers
hand copying used
19 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
English Standard, Grade II, followed

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille material available:
1,700 recreational titles
350 textbooks
8 magazines
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution limited to Australia

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
1,300 titles available
100% English
5% textbooks, 95% recreational reading
5% open reel, 95% Clarke & Smith Tapette
patron must return recorded material
machine is loaned to patron
machines cost more than $100
machine speed 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers include Clarke & Smith (model Mark 4)
mailing containers: vinyl postal covers
maximum 1 tape per package
mailing containers are reusable
26,000 mailing containers sent out each year

General information
25% young, 75% elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1884

309

Australia

Mrs. Margaret Fialides
Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind
557 St. Kilda Rd.
Melbourne, Victoria, 3004 Australia

Braille production
specialize in educational material
no volunteers
hand copying used
contracted braille used
Standard English Braille followed

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille material available:
textbooks (extracts)
vocational material
other: Talking Book Catalogues
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
100 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape, Philips Compact Cassette (2 track or 4 track), and Clarke & Smith Tapette cartridge
tape speeds 1⅞ and 3¾ ips
record on half track and ¼ track
maximum program length 90 min. per side
500 titles recorded in 1979

Talking Book distribution
3,250 titles available
100% English
50% textbooks, 50% recreational reading
50% Clarke & Smith Tapette, 50% Philips Compact Cassette (4 track L.C. compact cassette)
patron must return material
machines both purchased by patron and loaned (students subsidized by 50%)
machines cost more than $100
machine speeds 1⅞, 1⅞, 3¾ ips
mailing containers: jiffy padded bags and plastic pouches
maximum 20 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
100,000 mailing containers sent out each year
Clarke & Smith Copier, TELEX copies (high speed), used to record sample material

General information
20% professionals and academy students
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1867

310

Australia

Sylvia Maguire, Librarian
University of New South Wales
P.O. Box 1
Kensington 2033, Australia

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
no response

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Fiji

Fiji Blind Society
PO Box 1381
Suva-Fiji

Braille production
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
stereograph, plate embossing and press duplication used
contracted braille used
American Grade II followed

Braille distribution
50% given free
braille material available:
300 recreational titles
50 textbooks for use in classrooms
library maintained
no exchange of material with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
established in 1970

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New Zealand

Homai College
Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind
545 Parnell Rd., Auckland, 1
New Zealand

Braille production
8,500 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
70% by volunteers
hand copying used
208 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
English Braille, American edition; Code of Braille Textbook Formats and Techniques; and Nemeth Code followed

Braille distribution
95% loaned, 5% given free
braille material available:
1,495 recreational titles
2,519 textbooks
vocational material
other: calendars, knitting patterns, individual requests
library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed

Talking Book production
no response

Talking Book distribution
no response

General information
patrons are 90% students, grade school through college
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created by government
established in 1943

313

New Zealand

Hon. Nat. Sec. Treasurer
New Zealand Association of the Blind and Partially Blind, Inc.
3 Lauriston Ave.
Remuera, Auckland, 5
New Zealand

Braille production
300 pages per month
specialize in information pertinent to blind persons' welfare
90% by volunteers
hand copying used
contracted braille used
English Braille, English edition and American edition, followed

Braille distribution
90% loaned, 10% given free
braille material available:
1 magazine
other: government agendas, minutes, proceedings, and submissions; documents on consumerism affecting the handicapped
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
200 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
tape speed 3 3/4 ips
maximum 2 tracks can be recorded
record on half track
maximum program length 45 min. per side
CCIR equalization (usually) used
1 title recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
1 title available
100% English
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machines cost more than $100
machine speed 1⅞ ips
mailing container: vinyl wallet made by London Association for the Blind
maximum 1 tape per package
mailing containers are reusable
600 mailing containers sent out each year
Wollensack Cassette Duplicator, 2 slaves, used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 67% elderly, 33% employed
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
established in 1945

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New Zealand

Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind
545 Parnell Rd., Auckland, 1
New Zealand

Braille production
none (see Homai College entries)

Braille distribution (see also Homai College entries)
braille material available:
3,000 recreational titles
other: audio tactual braille, correspondence course (Lessons in braille)
library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
some distribution to other countries allowed

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ½-inch open reel tape (masters) and Clarke & Smith Tapette cartridge (copies)
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on six tracks plus two index tracks
maximum program length of 6 hours or 2 hours, 10 min. per track
CCIR equalization used
229 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations within copyright restrictions

Talking Book distribution
3,000 titles available
100% English
0.5% textbooks, 99.5% recreational reading
100% Clarke & Smith Tapette
patron must return material
machines are loaned
machines cost more than $100
machine speed 15/16 ips
machine manufacturers include Clarke & Smith (model MK IV)
mailing containers: leatherette single, double, or treble, and plastic single
maximum 1, 2, or 3 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
237,000 cassettes sent out last year
Clarke & Smith Copier, A and D types (A—30 ips, D—30 and 60 ips), used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 90% elderly (for talking books)
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations

Europe

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Austria

Österreichische Nationalbibliothek
Josefsplatz 1
A-1914, Vienna, Austria

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
established in 1920

402

Belgium

Bibliothèque de l'Oeuvre Nationale des Aveugles
Avenue Dailly 92
1030 Bruxelles, Belgium

Braille production
2,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
40% by volunteers
hand copying used
50 titles produced in 1979
uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille material available:
500 recreational titles
700 textbooks
vocational material
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
625 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
tape speed 7½ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program length 45 min. per side
123 titles recorded in 1979

Talking Book distribution
510 titles
100% French
20% textbooks, 70% recreational reading, 10% vocational material
100% open reel
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speed 1⅞ ips
mailing containers: cardboard boxes
maximum 12 tapes per package
mailing container is reusable
5,000 mailing containers sent out each year

General information
patrons are 5% children and adolescents, 25% adults, 70% elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1922

403

Belgium

Bibliothèque Royale Albert I
Boulevard de l'Empereur 4
B-1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
braille material available:
recreational reading
textbooks
no library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
created by government
established in 1837

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Belgium

Director of Cultural Services
La Ligue Braille
Rue D Anderlecht 57 61
1060 Bruxelles, Belgium

no response

405

Belgium

Studio 2000 V.Z.W.
Limburgse Bandotheek
Leopoldplein 31
B.-3500-Hasselt, Belgium

Braille production
none (proposed for the future)

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained (both record their own masters and receive masters from others)
record on ¼-inch open reel tape
tape speeds 3¾, 7½, and 15 ips
recorded on full track and half track Mono (magazines) and on half track Mono (books)
maximum program lengths 45 and 45 + 3 min. per side
NAB equalization used
163 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
471 titles available
10% French, 90% Dutch
40% textbooks (nonfiction), 60% recreational reading (fiction)
100% books and 90% magazines on Philips Compact Cassette; 10% magazines on tape
patron may purchase recorded material or may return it
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speeds 1⅞ and 3¾ ips
machine manufacturers include Philips, Crown, ITT
mailing containers: boxes and containers (American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, Kentucky) and plastic pockets (London Assoc. for the Blind, Great Britain)
maximum 2 tapes per box, 4 cassettes per plastic pocket, 4 cassettes per container
mailing containers are reusable
40,000 periodicals and 9,500 books sent out each year
used to record sample material:
TELEX 300 Mono and TELEX Minnea Polois Minnesota (U.S.A.)—
master reel + 3 slaves, 9 cass. (2x);
master reel + 1 slave, 3 cass. (1x);
master reel + 3 reel slaves, 3 reel (1x)

General information
patrons are 20% students, 40% professionals, 40% others
amount of material produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in August 1974

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Belgium

Vlaamse Bibliotheek Van De Braille-liga
G. Schildknechtstraat 28-52
1020 Brussel, Belgium

Braille production
60,000 pages per month
specialize in novels and special-order student material
20% by volunteers
hand copying used
100 titles produced in 1979
uncontracted braille used
Dutch braille code followed

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille material available:
1,275 recreational titles
225 textbooks
vocational material (by special order)
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
100 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel (master) and compact cassette (copies)
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program length 45 min. per side
536 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange maser tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
1,500 titles available
100% Dutch
10% textbooks, 90% recreational reading (novels)
5% open reel, 95% compact cassette
some recordings kept by patron, some must be returned
machines both purchased by patron and loaned
machines cost less than $100
machine speed 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers include Philips
mailing containers: US made boxes
maximum 6 cassettes per package
mailing containers are reusable
7,750 containers sent out each year
TELEX cassette duplication, 6 slaves, used to record sample material

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
reorganized in 1975

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Belgium

Vlaamse Klank- En Braillebibliotheek
Licht En Liefde
Oudenburgweg 34 A
B-8202 Varsenare-Jabbeke, Belgium

Braille production
90,663 pages per month
in numerous subject areas, especially recreational reading and textbooks
12.71% by volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
200 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
Dutch shorthand braille rules followed

Braille distribution
53% sold, 40% loaned, 7% given free
braille material available:
2,000 recreational titles
200 textbooks
3 magazines
vocational material
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
600 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape and compact cassette
tape speed 7½ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program length 45 min. per side
NAB equalization used
207 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
2,800 titles available
100% Dutch
20% textbooks, 80% recreational reading
25% open reel, 75% compact cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machines cost more than $100
machine speed 1⅞ ips
mailing containers: plastic containers (cassettes), cardboard boxes (tapes)
maximum 6 cassettes, 5 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
20,000 cassette packages and 6,000 tape packages sent out each year
PENTAGON, 16:1 speed, 5 slaves, used to record sample material

General information
patrons mostly elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteers organizations
braille library established in 1923; talking book library established in 1958

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Czechoslovakia

Svaz invalidů ČSSR
186 03 Praha 8
Karlínské nám. 12, Czechoslovakia

Braille production
500,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, press duplication; and computer embossing and press duplication used
60 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
10% sold, 60% loaned, 30% given free
braille material available:
37 recreational titles
23 textbooks
24 magazines
vocational material
other: relief pictures and maps, blackprint for weak-sighted persons, proceedings, directions, instructions, information for functionaries
library maintained
material exchanged with other countries
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
3,000 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book Production
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape and Philips Compact Cassette
tape speeds 1⅞ and 3¾ ips
recorded on ¼ sound track
maximum program length 90 min. per side
modulation chain equalization used
240 titles recorded in 1979

Talking Book distribution
2,300 titles available
30% textbooks, 63% recreational reading, 5% vocational material, 2% other
90% open reel, 9% Philips Compact Cassette, 1% phonograph disc
patron must return recorded material
machines both purchased by patron (patron is assisted) and loaned
machines cost more than $100
machine speeds 1⅞ and 3¾ ips; 16 and 33⅓ rpm
machine manufacturers include TESLA (model B 700)
mailing containers: 30 x 20 cm cardboard boxes
maximum 4 open reel or 12 cassettes per package
mailing containers are reusable
14,600 mailing containers sent out each year
high-speed copier (cassettes) and Sony, 8 multiple speed, Master machine (cassettes and open reel tapes), used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 60% employed, 30% elderly, 10% students
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1918

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Denmark

Hospital Library
Frederiksberg Kommunes Biblioteker
Solbjergvej 21 25
2000 Copenhagen F, Denmark

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none (projected start in 1981)

Talking Book distribution
no titles on master tape
100% Danish
100% recreational reading
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return materials
patron purchases machine
machine cost varies

General information
patrons are elderly
established in 1976

410

Denmark

Statens Bibliotek og Trykkeri for Blinde
Rønnegade 1
2100 København Ø., Denmark

Braille production
510,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication; and computer embossing and press duplication used
33 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
Danish Braille, 1970 version, followed

Braille distribution
5% sold, 62% loaned, 33% given free
braille material available:
3,000 recreational titles
400 textbooks
10 magazines
vocational material
other: accounts, reports, minutes (from the Danish Society of the Blind)
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
1,200 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape and Philips Compact Cassette
tape speeds 1⅞ and 3¾ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program lengths 45 and 90 min. per side
DIN equalization used
250 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
4,200 titles available
1% English, 99% Danish
2% textbooks, 96% recreational reading, 2% vocational material
65% open reel, 35% Philips Compact Cassette
some recordings kept by patron, some must be returned
machines loaned to patrons
machines cost more than $100
machine speeds 1⅞ and 3¾ ips
machine manufacturers include Tandberg (model 15, open reel), BASF (model 9220, cassette), Aiwa (model TP 772, cassette), Clarke & Smith ("toaster" model, cassette)
mailing containers: plastic boxes
maximum 6 tapes or discs per package
mailing containers are reusable
730,000 mailing containers sent out each year
Lyrec open reel TR-22-7, 8:1 and 16:1 speeds, 10 slaves, and Lyrec compact cassette CR 4910, 8:1 speed, 10 or 20 slaves, are used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 10% youths, 80% elderly, 10% students and professionals
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by government
established in 1952

411

Denmark

Studiebogsbibliotek For Blinde
Rymarksvej 1-2900 Hellerup
Denmark

Braille production
3,550 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
hand copying used
236 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
Standard Danish Braille, Grade II; Standard English Braille, Grade II; and Deutschen Blindenkurzschrift, 1973, followed

Braille distribution
100% given free (to Danish users)
braille material available:
3,100 textbooks
other: raised diagrams and other tactile illustrations
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
100 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program length 45 min. per side
DIN equalization used
313 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
2,500 titles available
1.3% English, 0.3% French, 0.8% German, 97.6% Danish
100% textbook
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron may keep recorded material
machine is given to patron
machines cost more than $100
machine speed 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers include Sanyo (model M2508, modified to variable speed)
mailing containers: millboard-plastic boxes
maximum 4 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
2,250 containers are sent out each year
LYREC, 16:1 speed, 10 slaves, used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 50% secondary and high school students, 50% university and vocational training students
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by government
established in 1971

412

England

Braille House
Mr. G. L. Bull, Production Director
338 Goswell Rd.
London, EC1V 7JE, England

Braille production
10,500 master pages per month
in numerous subject areas
30% by volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication; and computer embossing and press duplication used
400 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
Standard English Braille followed

Braille distribution
50% sold, 40% loaned, 10% given free
braille material available:
recreational titles
16,000 textbooks
26 magazines
vocational material
other: games, maps, instruction books, music, students' notes, and short documents of various kinds
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
6,000-7,000 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette and Clarke & Smith Tapette cartridge
tape speeds 1⅞, 3¾ ips
recorded on half track and 6 text, 2 index (8)
maximum program lengths 45 and 120 min. per side
NAB equalization used
800 titles recorded in 1979
not willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
9,000 titles available
99% English, .6% French, .2% German, .2% Spanish
60% textbooks, 40% recreational reading
90% Clarke & Smith Tapette, 10% Philips Compact Cassette
some readings kept by patron, some must be returned
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speeds 15/16, 1 7/8 ips
machine manufacturers include Clarke & Smith (model 2048); any commercial compact cassette machines may be used
mailing containers: molded plastic boxes and welded PUC pouch
maximum 6 tapes per plastic box and 1 tape per PUC pouch
mailing containers are reusable
1,350,000 mailing containers sent out each year
TELEX 300, 8:1 speed, 6 slaves, and Clarke & Smith Type D, 16:1 ratio, 12 slaves, used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 90% elderly, 10% other age groups, including teachers, students, and professionals
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
established in 1868

413

England

Executive Secretary, The British Library of Tape Recordings for Hosp. Patients
12 Lant St.
London, SE1 1QR, England

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
tape speed 2 ips
recorded on four track
maximum program length 120 min. per side
NAB equalization used
40 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations (but use nonstandard tape, speed, and track format)

Talking Book distribution
700 titles available
96½% English, 2% French, 1% German, and ½% Arabic
100% recreational reading
100% open reel (½ speed, 4 track cassette format soon available)
patron must return material
patron purchases machine
machines cost over $100
machine speed 2 ips
machine manufacturers include Brenell, Peauleve (custom made)
mailing containers: fiber boxes
maximum 1 tape per package
mailing container is reusable
3,500 mailing containers sent out each year
custom-made, 8 slave copier (2 off.), 4 times speed, used to record sample material

General information
patrons are all hospital patients
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1960

414

England

Mrs. Jo Deaper
4 Southgate St.
Winchester, Hants, England

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape, Philips Compact Cassette, ½-inch open reel tape, Clarke & Smith Tapette cartridge
tape speeds 1⅞, 3¾, 7½ ips
recorded on full track and half track
maximum program lengths of 30, 45, 60, and 90 min. per side
NAB, CCIR, and DIN equalizations used
willing to exchange master copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
5% Clarke & Smith Tapette, 95% Philips Compact Cassette, very small amount open reel
patron must return material
machines both purchased by patron (20%) and loaned (80%)
machines cost less than $100
machine speed 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers numerous—more than 100 types of machines used
mailing containers: yellow plastic pouches specially made by London Association for the Blind
maximum 2 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
2 million mailing containers sent out each year

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago (approx. 100 times higher)
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1974

415

England

The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association
Alexandra House, 9-11 Park St.
Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1JR, England

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
100% given free
braille material available:
1 magazine
leaflets and notes
library maintained
no materials exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette
recorded on full track
maximum program length 45 min. per side
2 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
2 titles available
100% English
100% Philips Compact Cassette
some recordings kept by patron, some must be returned
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
mailing containers: yellow plastic posting wallets for cassettes
maximum 1 tape per package
mailing containers are reusable
2,000 mailing containers sent out each year

General information
patrons are 18 years old or older and own guide dogs
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1931

416

England

Jewish Blind Society
Mr. M. Vanson, Executive Director
1 Craven Hill
London, W2 3EW, England

Braille production
3,000 pages per month
specialize in Jewish calendar, membership magazine, membership newspaper, Jewish chronicle and membership requirements
100% by volunteers
transcription used
5 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
British Standard Braille followed

Braille distribution
100% given free
braille material available:
1,000 recreational titles
12 magazines
other: calendar, recipes, knitting patterns, etc.
library maintained
materials not exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind and visually impaired
distribution to other countries allowed
more than 100 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape and Philips Compact Cassette
recorded on full track and half track
maximum program lengths 30 and 45 min. per side
NAB and DIN equalizations used
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
220 titles available
99% English, 1% Yiddish
100% recreational reading
100% compact cassette
patron must return material
machines both purchased by patron and loaned
machines cost less than $100
machine speeds 3¾ ips and 33⅓ rpm
mailing containers: plastic wallets and plastic boxes
maximum 6 tapes or discs per package
mailing containers are reusable
13,000 plastic wallets and 4,000 plastic boxes sent out each year
Telex, Wollensak equipment used to record sample material

General information
patrons are elderly (average age 75)
established in 1819

417

England

Library Association
7 Ridgmount St.
London, WC1E 7AE, England

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1877

418

England

National Deaf-Blind Helpers League
18 Rainbow Court, Paslon Ridings
Peterborough, PE4 6UP, England

Braille production
specialize in a quarterly magazine
no volunteers
stereograph, plate embossing, press duplication and computer embossing and press duplication used
4 magazine issues produced in 1979
contracted braille used

Braille distribution
100% given free
braille material available
1 magazine
other: committee material, annual report
no library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
300+ persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1928

419

England

National Library for the Blind
Cromwell Rd., Bredbury
Stockport, SK6 2SG, England

Braille production
2,950 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
40% by volunteers
hand copying used
contracted braille used
National Uniform Type followed

Braille distribution
95% loaned, 5% given free
braille material available:
10,000 recreational titles
4,500 textbooks
20 magazines
vocational material
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
6,200 persons and organizations ordered braille in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed somewhat lower than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1882

420

England

Sir John Wilson, Dir.
Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind
Commonwealth House, Heath Road
Haywards Heath
Sussex, RH16 3AZ, England

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
established in 1975

421

England

School of Librarianship
Loughborough Technical College
Radmoor, Loughborough
Leics, LE11 3BT, England

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed at same level as 5 years ago
established in 1946

422

England

Public Relations Department
St. Dunstan's
191 Old Marylebone Rd.
London NW1, England

Braille production
100 pages per month
specialize in a monthly house journal, newspaper and magazine extracts
no volunteers
stereograph, plate embossing, press duplication; and computer embossing, and press duplication used
contracted braille used
English grade II Standard followed

Braille distribution
100% given free
braille material available:
2 magazines
library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
350 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape and Philips Compact Cassette
tape speed 1⅞ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program lengths 30 and 45 min. per side
25 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
50 titles available
100% English
50% textbooks, 50% recreational reading
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return material
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speeds 1⅞ ips or variable speeds
machine manufacturers vary
mailing containers: plastic postal wallets
maximum 2 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
4,800 mailing containers sent out each year
Wollensak FAST COPIER (model 2770 and 2780) used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 90% retired, 10% manual and professional workers
Limited Company established by charter
established in 1915

423

England

J.M. Gill
University of Warwick
Dept. of Engineering, Coventry
Warwickshire, CV4 2AL, England

Braille production
1,000 pages per month
specialize in bank statements
computer embossing used
contracted braille used
Standard English Braille followed

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed much lower than 5 years ago (no longer producing by request)
established in 1971

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Federal Republic of Germany

Aktion Tonband-Zeitung für Blinde e.V.
Postfach 1421
D-3450 Holzminden 1
Federal Republic of Germany

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
tape speeds 3¾ and 7½ ips
recorded on half and ¼-track (DIN)
maximum program lengths 45 and 60 min. per side
DIN equalization used

Talking Book distribution
100% German
specialize in talking newspapers, no books
2% open reel, 98% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speed 3¾ ips
mailing containers: postal cassette wallets (from L.A.B. London)
maximum 2 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
34,000 mailing containers sent out each year
3M Wollensak Cassette Copier, AV 2770/2780, used to record sample material

General information
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1976

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Federal Republic of Germany

Bayerische Blindenhörbücherei e.V.
Lothstr. 62
8000 München 2
Federal Republic of Germany

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape
tape speed 1⅞ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program length 45 min. per side
DIN equalization used
172 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
100% German
100% textbooks
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine manufacturers include Handersubliche (cassetten-recorder)
mailing containers: Marburger Cassettenboxen
maximum 10 tapes per package
60,000 mailing containers sent out each year
TELEX (Indianapolis), 8:1, 18 slaves, used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 75% elderly
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1958

426

Federal Republic of Germany

Blinden
Schrift-u. Hörbücherei des Borromäusvereins
Wittelsbecherring 9
53 Bonn
Federal Republic of Germany

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
no response

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program length 60 min. per side
DIN (90 μs + 3180 μs) equalization used
25 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
100% German
100% textbooks
40% open reel, 60% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speed 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers include Philips, BASF (model 9201)
maximum 12 tapes per mailing container
mailing containers are reusable
18,600 mailing containers sent out each year
TELEX in cassette duplication (16:1 speed, 6 slaves; 8:1 speed, 9 slaves) used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 66% elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
established in 1964

427

Federal Republic of Germany

Centralbibliothek für Blinde e. V.
2 Hamburg 76, Adolfstr. 44–46
Federal Republic of Germany

Braille production
2,000 pages per month
specialize in recreational titles
no volunteers
hand copying used
60 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
German Contracted Braille rules followed

Braille distribution
100% given free
braille material available
3,650 recreational titles (includes 650 for children
12 magazines
vocational material
other: science
library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution limited to Federal Republic of Germany
3,800 persons and organizations ordered braille in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette
tape speed 1⅞ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program lengths 45 and 60 min. per side
325 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
3,300 titles available
100% German
90% recreational reading; 10% textbooks, vocational material and other
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machines cost more than $100
machine speed 1⅞ ips
mailing containers: Vulkan fiber
maximum 12 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
55,000 mailing containers sent out each year
TELEX, 8:1 speed, used to record sample material

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1905

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Federal Republic of Germany

Christoffel Blindenmission
Nibelungenstrasse 124
D 6140 Bensheim 4
Federal Republic of Germany

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
established in 1908
organization funds projects in education and rehabilitation of blind and handicapped

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Federal Republic of Germany

Deutsche Bibliothek
Bundesunmittelbare Anstalt des offentlichen Rechts
6 Frankfurt am Main 1
Zeppelinallee 4-8
Federal Republic of Germany

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
no response

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Federal Republic of Germany

Deutsche Blinden-Horbucherei GGmbH
Postfach 1160, Am Schlag 2 a
D 3550 Marburg/Lahn 1
Federal Republic of Germany

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program length 60 min. per side
NAB equalization used (TELEX)
321 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book production
4,000 titles available
99.9% German; some English, French, and Spanish
5% textbooks, 60% recreational reading, 10% vocational material, 25% other
25% open reel, 75% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speed 3¾ ips
mailing containers: vulcanic fiber (open reel), plastic (compact cassettes)
maximum 20 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
70,000 mailing containers sent out each year
TELEX system used to record sample material

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1954

431

Federal Republic of Germany

Deutscher Bibliotheksverband e. V.
Bundesallee 184/185
1000 Berlin 31
Federal Republic of Germany

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed at same level as 5 years ago

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Federal Republic of Germany

F. H. Papenmeier
Elektro-Technik
Talweg 2, PO Box 1620
D-5840 Schwerte
Federal Republic of Germany

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
cassette braille only
100% sold
braille material available:
6 recreational titles
7 textbooks
vocational materials
no library maintained
no exchange of materials with other organizations
distribution not limited to handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed

Talking Book production
instruction manual for BRAILLEX machine only
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette
tape speed 1⅞ ips
one track of tape is recorded; both tracks of a tape are able to be copied at once
maximum program length 60 min. per side
willing to exchange master tapes with other organizations (in cases wherever required material is available)

Talking Book distribution
instruction manual for BRAILLEX machine only
100% German
100% Philips Compact Cassette
some recordings kept by patrons, some must be returned
patron purchases machine
machines cost over $100
machine speeds 15/16, 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturer is Papenmeier, D-5840 Schwerte, Federal Republic of Germany
mailing containers: standard letter or parcel
mailing containers are not reusable
Telex used to record sample material

General information
established in 1956
service to blind started in 1978

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Federal Republic of Germany

Fachhochschule fur Bibliothekswesen
Stuttgart
Feuerbacher Heide 38-42
Federal Republic of Germany

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed same as 5 years ago
established in 1942; 1945–1946

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Federal Republic of Germany

Deutsche Blindenstudienanstalt (DBSTA)
German Institute for the Blind (GIB)
Am Schlag 8, PO Box 1106
D 3550 Marburg/Lahn
Federal Republic of Germany

Braille production
34,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, press duplication; and computer embossing and press duplication; and computer printout used
53 book titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
Deutsche Blindenkurzschrift (reformist) followed

Braille distribution
50% sold, 50% loaned
braille material available:
recreational titles
textbooks
magazines
vocational material
other: special orders, tactile maps, children's books (braille, inkprint, relief), scientific books
library maintained (Emil-Krückmann-Bücherei, same address)
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
2,000 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979 (another 2,000 used braille through the library)

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
established in 1916

435

Federal Republic of Germany

Deutsche Blindenhorbucherei gGmbH (DBH)
German Talking Book Library
Am Schlag 8, PO Box 1106
D 3550 Marburg/Lahn
Federal Republic of Germany

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette and ½-inch open reel tape (master)
recorded on full track (master) and half track (cassette)
264 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
3,824 titles available
100% German
primarily textbooks, with a smaller amount of recreational reading and some vocational material
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
mailing containers: plastic containers (custom designed)
maximum 8 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
374,361 mailing containers sent out in 1979
TELEX duplication system used to record sample material

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
established in 1956

436

Federal Republic of Germany

Staatsbibliothek der Stiftung
Preussische Kulturvesitz
Universitatsstrasse 25
3550 Marburg-Lahn
Federal Republic of Germany

no response

437

Federal Republic of Germany

Westdeutsche Blindenhorbücherei e. V.
Sentmaringer Weg 71
D-4400 Munster
Federal Republic of Germany

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on half track (2)
maximum program length 60 min. per side
DIN equalization used
170 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
3,750 titles available
100% German
5% textbooks, 90% recreational reading, 5% other
40% open reel, 60% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speeds 1⅞ and 3¾ ips
mailing containers: vulkan fiber boxes
maximum 12 tapes per package
mailing containers reusable
120,000 mailing containers sent out each year
TELEX 300, 8:1 speed, 24 slaves, used to record sample material

General information
67% elderly, 33% professionals
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
established in 1955

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Finland

Helen Rantala, Editor
Foreningen Sveriges Blindlarare
Kukkumaentie 27
SF 40600 Jyvaskyla 60, Finland

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
100% by students in schools for the blind in Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and Finland
Recorded on Philips Compact Cassette
tape speed 1⅞ ips
maximum program length 45 min. per side
3 issues of *Visus* recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
1 Talking Book magazine available 3 times a year
recorded in Swedish, Danish, and Norwegian
100% information concerning visual impairment
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron may keep recordings
machine is given to patron
machine costs vary
machine manufacturers include B.A.S.F. (model 9210), Grundig, Aiwa (model TP 772)
mailing containers: envelopes
3 envelopes per patron used each year

General information
patrons are 90% teachers, 10% parents of blind
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1940

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Finland

Näkövammaisten kirjasto
Mäkelänkatu 58-60
00510 Helsinki 51, Finland

Braille production
5,300 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
hand copying, stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
498 titles produced in 1979
uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille material available:
2,000 recreational titles
500 textbooks
14 magazines
other: sheet music
library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
371 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape, Philips Compact Cassette, and Clarke & Smith tapette cartridge
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on half track (compact) and 6 track (Clarke & Smith International)
maximum program lengths 60, 90, and 120 min. per side
NAB equalization used
618 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book production
6,000 titles available
2% English, 0.5% German, 87.5% Finnish, 10% Swedish
10% textbooks, 59% recreational reading, 1% vocational material, 30% nonfiction
17% open reel, 79% Clarke & Smith Tapette, 4% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
machine is loaned to patron
machines cost more than $100
machine speeds 15/16, 1 7/8, 3 3/4 ips
machine manufacturers include Clarke & Smith International (model 2048 M/2)
mailing containers: plastic boxes
maximum 1 Clarke & Smith or 6 Philips Compact Cassettes per package
mailing containers are reusable
170,000 mailing containers sent out each year
4:1 — 8:11 speed duplication system used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 5% children and students, 95% professionals and elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1890; state library established in 1978

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France

Association "Pour les Aveugles"
Domaine des Ombrages
78160 Marly Le Roi, France

Braille production
250,000 pages each month
in numerous subject areas
2% by volunteers
hand copying; computer embossing and press duplication used
both contracted and uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
80% sold, 19% loaned, 1% given free
braille material available:
1,700 recreational titles
1,700 textbooks
5 magazines
other: embossed maps
library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed (purchase only)
1,670 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of information and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations established in 1917

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France

Association Valentin Haüy
5 Rue Duroc
75007 Paris, France

Braille production
354,500 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
20% by volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, press duplication used
800 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
Abrégé orthographique étenden followed

Braille distribution
80% sold (at less than production cost), 15% loaned, 5% given free
braille material available:
20,000 recreational titles
5,000 textbooks
5 magazines
vocational material
other: subway directory, braille music (sold or loaned)
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution mostly limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
5,000 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape and Philips Compact Cassette
tape speeds 1⅞ ips (slaves) and 3¾ ips (masters)
record on half track
maximum program lengths 30 and 45 min. per side
NAB (tape) and DIN (cassette) equalizations used
400 titles recorded in 1979
unable to exchange master tape copies with other organizations for copyright reasons

Talking Book distribution
3,000 titles available
100% French
1% textbooks, 84% recreational reading, 15% vocational material
3% open reel, 95.5% Philips Compact Cassette, 1.5% phonograph disc
some recordings kept by patron, most must be returned
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speeds 1⅞ ips (tape) and 3¾ ips (cassette); 16 and 33⅓ rpm
mailing containers: cardboard boxes wrapped in 2 plastic sheets
maximum 18 cassettes per package
mailing container is reusable
36,000 mailing containers sent out each year
TELEX 300, 16:1, 1 slave (tape to cassette), and TELEX, 16:1, 1 slave (cassette to cassette) used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 85% elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1889

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France

Centre Tobia
Université Paul Sabatier
118, Route de Narbonne
31400 Toulouse, France

Braille production
30,000–35,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
computer embossing used
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
Abrégé orthographique éntendu, 1964 édition, Association Valentin Haüy, followed

Braille distribution
100% sold
braille material available:
recreational titles
textbooks
magazines proposed for the future
vocational material
other: cassettes for the Digicassette
no library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or disabled
distribution to other countries allowed

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed at same level as 5 years ago
established in 1977

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France

Conservatoire National des Arts et Metiers
Laboratoire de Recherche pour l'Tusertiou
Sociale des Personnes Handicappees
292, rue Saint Martin
75141 Paris Cedex 03, France

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of services and material produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
established in 1975

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France

English Language Library for the Blind
GIAA-5, Avenue Daniel-Lesueur
75007 Paris, France

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on compact cassettes (standard 90-min.)
recorded on 1 track, copy on 2 track
maximum program length 45 min. per side
70 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
500-600 titles available
100% English
100% recreational reading (includes works of literature for advanced literature courses)
5% open reel, 95% compact cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speed 3¾ ips
mailing containers: cardboard boxes
maximum 10 tapes or 22 cassettes per package
mailing containers are reusable
Wollensack Duplicator, 3M Hi-speed, used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 25% students, 12% professionals, 63% housewives, retirees, elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1960; present legal status since 1979

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France

Fédération des Aveugles de France
58, avenue Bosquet
75007 Paris, France

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
master tape copies maintained
the organization's quarterly journal only
maximum program lengths 60 and 90 min. per side

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed at same level as 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1917

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France

Groupement de Intellectuels Aveugles ou Ambylopes
5 avenue Daniel-Lesueur
75007 Paris, France

Braille production
39,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
10% by volunteers
stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
7 reviews produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
Abrégi orthographique francaise followed

Braille distribution
100% sold
braille material available:
recreational titles
2 magazines
vocational material
other material for children
library maintained (for children)
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
1,200 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
record on ¼-inch open reel tape and Philips Compact Cassette
tape speeds 1⅞ and 3¾ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program lengths 45 and 60 min. per side
1,200 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
15,000 titles available
3% English, 95% French; some German, Spanish, and others
45% textbooks, 10% recreational reading, 45% vocational material
25% open reel, 74% Philips Compact Cassette, 1% phonograph disc
some recordings kept by patron, some must be returned
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speeds 1⅞ and 3¾ ips, 33⅓ rpm, and 19 cm/sec
mailing containers: special boxes, free postage
maximum 16 tapes or discs per package
mailing containers are reusable
200 tons of mailing containers sent out each year
TELEX, 3M, Revox, Taren used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 50% youths, 50% adults; adults are 50% professionals, 50% nonprofessionals
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1949

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German Democratic Republic

Blinden und Sehschwachen Verband der DDR
Zentralvorstand
102 Berlin, Postschliefach 116
German Democratic Republic

Braille production (by Deutsche Zentralbücherei für Blinde, Leipzig)
7,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
250 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution (by Deutsche Zentralbücherei für Blinde)
40% sold, 55% loaned, 5% given free
braille material available:
5,000 recreational titles
4,500 textbooks
16 magazines
vocational material
other: music (7,000 titles)
no library
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind and handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
3,000 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production (by Deutsche Zentralbücherei für Blinde)
master tapes maintained
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette and ½-inch open reel tape
maximum program length 45 min. per side
DIN equalization used
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution (by Deutsche Zentralbücherei für Blinde)
3,700 titles available
0.01% English, 99.99% German
20% textbooks, 75% recreational reading, 5% vocational material
48% open reel, 52% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machines cost more than $100
machine speeds 1⅞ and 3¾ ips
mailing containers: hard boxes
maximum 8 tapes per package
mailing containers are not reusable
400,000 mailing containers sent out each year

General information
patrons are 5% students, 60% elderly, 35% professionals
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by government and blind organizations
Deutsche Zentralbücherei für Blinde established in 1957

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Greece

E. Kefakis
Director, Lighthouse for the Blind
Doiranis 198 Kallithea
Athens, Greece

Braille production
30,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
10% by volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, press duplication used
45 titles produced in 1979
uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
10% sold, 25% loaned, 65% given free
braille material available:
200 recreational titles
150 textbooks
1 magazine
vocational material
other: Greek Orthodox Church hymnology for church singers, Greek-English and Greek dictionaries
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind and handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
200 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape and Philips Compact Cassette
tape speeds 3¾ and 7½ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program lengths of 30, 45, 60, and 90 min. per side
no equalizations used
190 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
650 titles available
55% textbooks, 40% recreational reading, 5% vocational material
40% open reel, 60% Philips Compact Cassette
some recordings kept by patron, some must be returned
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speed 3¾ ips
machine manufacturers include Philips, Grundig, TELEX
mailing containers: cardboard boxes
TELEX used to record sample material (5 slaves)

General information
33% students, 33% professionals, 33% workers and elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1947

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Iceland

Blindrafelagio
Hamrahlio 17
Reykjavik, Iceland

Braille production
150–200 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used (Thermoform 55 Braille Duplicator)
10 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille material available:
120 recreational titles
90 textbooks
library maintained
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
150 persons and organizations ordered braille materials in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program length 60 min. per side
DIN equalization used
160 titles recorded in 1979

Talking Book distribution
700 titles available
100% Icelandic
75% recreational reading, 24% vocational, 1% textbooks
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return materials
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speed 1⅞ ips
mailing containers: plastic "books"
maximum 6 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
1,300 mailing containers sent out each year
Telex 300 used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 67% elderly, 33% professionals
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1976

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Italy

Biblioteca Italiana Per Ciechi
Villa Reale
20052 Monza, Italy

Braille production
90,850 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
92 titles produced in 1979
uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
10% sold, 90% loaned
braille material available:
2,300 recreational titles
500 textbooks
21 magazines
other: illustrated children's books and relief maps
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
1,538 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
proposed

Talking Book distribution
proposed

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed at same level as 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1928

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Italy

Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale Vittorio Emanuele II
Viale Castro Pretorio
00185 Rome, Italy

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none
library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
no response

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Luxembourg

President, Assoc. des Aveugles de Luxembourg
50 Rue des Romains
Luxembourg

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
100% by volunteers
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette
tape speed 6m/min.
maximum program length 60 min. per side
700 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
2 titles available
80% German, 20% French
90% recreational reading and textbooks, 10% journals
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return materials
machine is given to patron
machine costs 4000 FB
machine manufacturer is B.A.S.F. (model 9210)
mailing containers: vulkan fieber
maximum 10 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
6,000 mailing containers sent out each year

General information
patrons are ⅔ elderly, ⅓ students
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1955

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Netherlands

Blindenbibliotheek
Molenpad 2
1016 GM Amsterdam, Netherlands

Braille production
9,500 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
80% by volunteers
hand copying used; computer embossing and press duplication proposed for the future
243 titles produced in 1979
uncontracted braille used
Grade I followed

Braille distribution
5% sold, 95% loaned
braille material available:
5,500 recreational titles
3,150 textbooks
1 magazine
vocational material
other: 8,275 music titles
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
750 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program length 45 min. per side
290 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
8,750 titles available
1.4% English, 1.2% French, 1% German, 0.1% Spanish, 0.1% Turkish and Esperanto, 96.2% Dutch
20% textbooks, 72% recreational reading, 8% vocational material
17% open reel, 83% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machines cost more than $100
machine speeds 1⅞ ips (cassette) and 3¾ ips (tape)
machine manufacturers include Philips, BASF
mailing containers: fiber boxes
maximum 20 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
35,000 mailing containers sent out each year
sample material recorded by Ver, The Talking Weekly, at Grave

General information
patrons are 33–50% elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by government
established in 1919
a department of Public Library Amsterdam

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Netherlands

Blindenbibliotheek
Le Sage Ten Broek
Postbus 9042
6500 KB Nijmegan, Netherlands

Braille production
120,574 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
10% by volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, press duplication used
878 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
5% sold, 95% loaned
braille material available:
16,000 recreational titles
1,700 textbooks
2 magazines
vocational material
other: maps and other relief material, catalogues, puzzles
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
900 persons ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program length 30 and 45 min. per side
DIN equalization used
1,486 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
18,100 titles available
95.65% Dutch, small amounts of English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Turkish, and Esperanto
12% textbooks, 88% recreational reading
20% open reel, 80% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machines cost more than $100
machine speeds 1⅞ (cassettes) and 3¾ (reels) ips
machine manufacturers include BASF (cassette), Philips (cassettes and reels), and Grundig (reels)
maximum 8 cassettes or 7 reels per mailing container
mailing containers are reusable
71,700 cassettes and 30,000 reels sent out each year

General information
patrons are 67% elderly, 33% others
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1918

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Netherlands

Evangelical Library for the Blind
PO Box 131
3850 AC Ermelo, Netherlands

Braille production
7,500 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
30% by volunteers
hand copying used
240 titles produced in 1979
uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
2% sold, 95% loaned, 3% given free
braille material available:
- 2,500 recreational titles
- 2,500 textbooks
- 10 magazines
- vocational material

library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
550 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
tape speed 7½ ips
recorded on full track (2 tracks)
maximum program length 45 min. per side
CCIR equalization used
325 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
4,750 titles available
0.2% English, 0.05% French, 0.2% Spanish, 0.05% Esperanto, 99.5% Dutch
30% textbooks, 65% recreational reading, 5% vocational material
22% open reel, 78% Philips Compact Cassette
some recordings may be sold to patron, some must be returned
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speeds 3¾ ips (open reel) and 1⅞ ips (Philips Compact Cassette)
machine manufacturers include Philips (model 2219), BASF (model 9201-CrO2), and Clarke & Smith (model 1088/B/4)
mailing containers: plastic containers (cassettes) and fiber containers (open reel)
maximum 10 cassettes or 5 open reel tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
70,000 plastic and 50,000 fiber containers sent out each year
used to record sample material:
- Philips LCH 1900/1901, open reel to cassette, 2:1 speed, 40 slaves
- Philips LCH 1900/1901, open reel to cassette, 2:1 speed, 16 slaves
- 2 x Model Otari DP 4050 ocf, open reel to cassette, 8:1 speed, 6 slaves
- Model Otari DP 4050 C2, cassette to cassette, 8:1 speed, 2 slaves
- 2 x Model Telefunken M 28, open reel to open reel, 2:1 speed, 7 slaves

General information
patrons are 60% elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1912

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Netherlands

Koninklijk
Instituut Tot Onderwijs Van Blinden
Amersfoortsestraatweg 180
1272 RR Huizen, Netherlands

Braille production
6,000 pages per month
specialize in braille material for school and study
20–30% by volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
75 titles produced in 1979
uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
5% sold, 95% loaned
braille material available:
180 recreational titles
420 textbooks
vocational material
other: geographical maps
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution limited to the Netherlands
250 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes not maintained--mastertape 13 cm on Tandberg tape recorder; duplicated on compact cassette with Sony Duplicator
record on Philips Compact Cassette and ½-inch open reel tape
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on full track
maximum program length 90 min. per side
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
100 titles available
a few recordings in English, French, and German
100% textbooks
5% open reel, 95% Philips Compact Cassette
patron may keep some recorded material, but most must be returned
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speed 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers include Philips, Aiwa Tandberg Tape Recorder, Sony Ormio, and Sony CCP 04 used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 67% scholars, 33% students
amount of material and services produced and distributed at same level as 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1932
part of Royal Institute for the Blind

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Netherlands

Koninklijke Bibliotheek
PO Box 30469
2500 GL The Hague, Netherlands

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
no response

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Netherlands

Nederlandsche Blindenbibliotheek
Mr. H. Doove, Temp. Director
Zichtenburglaan 260
2544 EB 's-Gravenhage, Netherlands

Braille production
40,250 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
60% by volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, press duplication; and computer embossing and press duplication used
852 titles produced in 1979
uncontracted braille used
Dutch rules followed

Braille distribution
5% sold, 90% loaned, 5% given free
braille material available:
6,000 recreational titles
5,000 textbooks
10 magazines
vocational material
other: a periodical in Esperanto
library maintained
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape and Philips Compact Cassette
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program lengths of 30 and 45 min. per side
DIN equalization used
778 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
1% English; 2% French, German, Spanish, and other; 97% Dutch
45% textbooks, 50% recreational reading, 5% vocational material
15% open reel, 85% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speed 3¾ ips
mailing container: custom made by Dutch factory
maximum 6 compact cassettes per mailing container
mailing containers are reusable
more than 200,000 mailing containers sent out each year
TELEX Cassette-duplicator 300 (4 master sections, 72 slaves) used to record sample material

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1894

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Netherlands

Vereniging Het Nederlandse Blindenwezen
Kipstraat 54
3011 RT Rotterdam, Netherlands

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
established in 1947

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Norway

The Norwegian Association of the Blind
Statens Bibliotektilsyn
Postboks 8145 DEP
Oslo 1, Norway

Braille production
2,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
10% by volunteers
hand copying used
77 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
New Norwegian system (1975) followed

Braille distribution
98% loaned, 2% given free
braille material available:
3,500 recreational titles
200 textbooks
other: inhouse information for board members and others
2 libraries maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
230 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on two tracks
maximum program length 60 min. per side
NAB equalization used
410 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
4,047 titles available
0.5% English, 99.5% Norwegian
35% textbooks, 65% recreational reading
1% open reel, 99% phonograph disc
patron must return recorded material
machines are loaned to patron
machines cost more than $100
machine speed 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers include BASF (model 9202), Philips (model 2235), Grundig
mailing containers: plastic boxes
maximum 6 tapes or discs per package
mailing containers are reusable
120,000 mailing containers sent out each year
Lyrec CR 49-10 used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 10% students, 10% professionals, 40% recreational readers under 60 years old, 40% elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
Talking Book Library established in 1955; braille libraries established about 1910

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Poland

Institute for the Blind
Zaklad Dla Niewidomych
W Laskach
05-891 Laski Warszawskie, Poland

no response

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Poland

Polski Zwiazek Niewidomych
Biblioteka Centralna
Konwiktorska 7
00-216 Warsaw, Poland

Braille production
800,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
stereograph, plate embossing, press duplication used
80 titles produced in 1979
uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
10% sold, 35% loaned, 55% given free
braille material available:
1,600 recreational titles
250 textbooks
9 magazines
vocational material
other: dictionaries, music notes
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind and handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
300 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape
tape speed 7½ ips
recorded on full track
maximum program length 30 min. per side
NAB equalization used
160 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
1,100 titles available
100% Polish
2% textbooks, 97% recreational reading, 0.5% vocational material, 0.5% other
20% open reel, 80% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
machines both purchased by patron and loaned
machines cost less than $100
machine speed 1⅞ ips
machines are Polish-made cassette tape recorders
mailing containers: cardboard boxes
maximum 15 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
20,000 mailing containers sent out each year

General information
patrons are 50% elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1946

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Portugal

Centro Prof. Albuquerque E Castro
Edições Braille
R. Instituto S. Manuel
4000 Porto, Portugal

Braille production
2,816 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
40 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
braille material available:
295 recreational titles
190 textbooks
2 magazines
vocational materials
no library maintained
materials exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
89 organizations, 1,500 persons ordered braille materials in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
patrons are 60% students, 20% professionals, 20% elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created by government
established in 1957

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Portugal

National Library of Lisbon
Lisbon 2, Portugal

Braille production
600 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
10% by volunteers
stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
20 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
Portuguese braille abbreviation system followed

Braille distribution
99% loaned, 1% given free
braille material available:
439 recreational titles
1 magazine
other: catalogs and lists
library maintained
materials exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
930 persons and organizations ordered braille materials in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape
tape speed 3¾ ips
record on fourth track
maximum program length 90 min. per side
32 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
800 titles available
99% Portuguese, others in French and English
59% recreational reading, 12.5% textbooks, 7.5% vocational, 21% other
over 50% Philips Compact Cassette, others open reel
patron provides the tape for recording, keeps the resulting tape or may return it
patron purchases machine
machines cost over $100
machine speeds 15/16, 1 7/8, 3 3/4 ips
machine manufacturers include Grundig, Philips, B.A.S.F.
mailing containers: common paper package
maximum 5 or 6 tapes or discs per package

General information
patrons are 30% students, 20% professionals, 10% elderly, 40% others
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created by government
established in 1970

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Scotland

Scottish Braille Press
Craigmillar-Park
Edinburgh, EH16 5NB, Scotland

Braille production
5,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
130 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
Standard English Braille followed

Braille distribution
100% sold
braille material available:
- recreational titles
- textbooks
- 50 magazines
- vocational material
- other: foreign languages, musical literature, poetry, medical literature, religious material

no library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
10,000 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
established in 1891
90% of organization staff are handicapped

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Spain

Nueva Luz
Trafalgar 32-5°
Madrid 10, Spain

Braille production
3,000 pages per month
specialize in Bible themes
no volunteers
hand copying, computer embossing, and press duplication used
40 titles produced in 1979
uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
50% loaned, 50% given free
braille material available:
15 recreational titles
1 magazine
other: Bible correspondence courses
library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
2,000 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
tape speed 1⅞ ips
recorded on four tracks
maximum program lengths of 30, 45, 60, and 90 min. per side
200 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
350 titles available
100% Spanish
100% religious material
10% open reel, 90% Philips Compact Cassette
some recordings kept by patron, some must be returned
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speed 1⅞ ips
maximum 20 tapes per mailing container
mailing containers are reusable
Wollensak (3-M) used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 67% students and 33% lawyers and other professionals
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created by government
established in 1976

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Spain

Organización Nacional de Ciegos
Jefatura
José Ortega y Gasset, 18
Madrid 6, Spain

Braille production
693,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
hand copying, stereograph, plate embossing and press duplication used
479 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
Estenografia Hispanoamericana, Grade II, Montevideo, 1964 (reduced version), followed

Braille distribution
5% sold, 90% loaned, 5% given free
braille material available:
20,210 recreational titles
8,913 textbooks
10 magazines
vocational material
other: programs of cultural activities, organization regulations, texts of laws affecting the handicapped, material for higher university study—math, economics, law, philosophy
library maintained
materials exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
4,829 persons and 100 organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
tape speed 3¾ ips
can record a maximum of 4 tracks
record on half track and quarter track (for working master tapes for Library of Congress cassette system)
maximum program length 45 min. per side
NAB equalization used
600 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
9,000 titles available
3% English, 1% French, 95% Spanish, 1% other
20% textbooks, 80% recreational reading
5% open reel, 60% Clarke & Smith Tapette, 35% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
machine is loaned to patron
machines cost more than $100
machine speed 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers include Clarke & Smith (model MKI-MK IV) and Philips (cassette players)
mailing containers: fiber and plastic
maximum 4 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
35,000 mailing containers sent out each year
TELEX, Wollensack, Clarke & Smith systems used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 15% students, 5% professionals, 80% other
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by government
established in 1938

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Sweden

Kungliga Biblioteket
Box 5039
S-102 41 Stockholm, Sweden

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
no response

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Sweden

Stockholm Stadsbibliotek
Box 6502
113 83 Stockholm, Sweden

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille material available:
10 recreational titles
no library maintained
no material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
4,000 titles available
100% recreational reading
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
machine is loaned to patron (by the Organization for the Blind)
machines cost less than $100
machine speed 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers include Aiwa (model 772), BASF (model 9202-9210), Grundig (model C450-460), Clarke & Smith (Toaster model), and Sony (model TC 150 HHA-HHB-BM25)
mailing containers: plastic boxes
maximum 6 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
50,000 mailing containers sent out each year

General information
patrons are 50% elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
established about 1928

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Sweden

Swedish Federation of the Visually Handicapped Production Unit for Braille and Talking Books
S-122 88 Enskede, Sweden

Braille production
10,000 original print pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication; and computer embossing and press duplication used
350 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
Swedish Braille Code followed

Braille distribution
100% sold
braille material available:
14 magazines
vocational material
other: invitations and minutes of meetings; miscellaneous information generated by the Swedish Federation, e.g., reports, summaries of relevant investigations, etc.
no library maintained
no material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
1,700 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program length 45 min. per side
CCIR equalization used
1,500 titles recorded in 1979

Talking Book distribution
10 magazine titles available

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
established in 1952 (braille) and in 1955 (Talking Books)

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Sweden

The Swedish Library of Talking Books and Braille
S-122 88 Enskede, Sweden

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille material available:
4,800 recreational titles
500 textbooks
vocational material
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed

Talking Book production
none
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations (depending on copyright agreements)

Talking Book distribution
14,000 titles available
7% English, 0.3% French, 1% German, 0.4% Finnish, 91% Swedish
30% textbooks, 65% recreational reading, 5% vocational material
3% open reel, 97% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
machine is loaned to patron
machines cost more than $100
machine speed 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers include Grundig, BASF, Aiwa
mailing containers: plastic boxes
maximum 6 cassettes per package
mailing containers are reusable
165,000 mailing containers sent out each year

General information
amount of material produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago; amount of services somewhat lower than 5 years ago
created by government
established as state library in 1980

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Sweden

Tomtebodaskolan
Box 1313
S-17125 Solna, Sweden

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille material available:
1,200 recreational titles
library maintained
no material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution limited to Sweden
60 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and service produced and distributed at same level as 5 years ago
created by government
established in 1888

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Switzerland

Bibliotheque Braille Romande
34 Bourg de Fouz
1204 Geneva, Switzerland

Braille production
1,455 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
100% by volunteers
hand copying used
both contracted and uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille material available:
recreational titles
textbooks
magazines (UNESCO)
other: dictionaries, grammars
library maintained
no material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
120 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program length 45 min. per side
NAB equalization used
65 titles were recorded in 1979
not willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
1,300 titles available
100% French
25% textbooks, 75% recreational reading
25% open reel, 75% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speed 3¾ ips
mailing containers: cardboard boxes
maximum 9 cassettes or 3 open reel tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1901

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Switzerland

Schweizerische Bibliothek für Blinde und Sehbehinderte
Albisriederstr. 399
8047 Zurich, Switzerland

Braille production
1,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
10% by volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication; and computer embossing and press duplication used
45 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
German System followed

Braille distribution
75% sold, 20% loaned, 5% given free
braille material available:
50 recreational titles
100 textbooks
2 magazines
vocational material
other: musical material
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
300 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
copies recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape, Philips Compact Cassette, and Clarke & Smith Tapette cartridge (6-track)
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program lengths 90 and 120 min. per side
CCIR equalization used
363 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
3,578 titles available
2% English, 98% German
20% textbooks, 80% recreational reading
1% open reel, 95% Clarke & Smith Tapette, 4% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
machines both purchased by patron and loaned
machines cost more than $100
machine speed 15/16 ips
other machine speeds: open reel 4.76, Philips 4.76, CSI Cass. 2.38
machine manufacturers include CSI (models 2048 + 2048U5, and 811)
mailing containers: plastic postal case
maximum 1 CSI-Cassette or 10 Philips cassettes per package
mailing containers are reusable
53,686 mailing containers sent out in 1979
CSI-4 slaves Tandberg (open reel) and Pentagon and Wollensack (Philips) used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 60% elderly, 2% students, 28% professionals, and 10% children
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteers
established in 1950

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Switzerland

Schweizerische Landesbibliothek
Hallwylstrasse 15
3003 Bern, Switzerland

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
no response

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U.S.S.R

All-Russia Association of the Blind
Central Board
14 Novaya Pl.
Moscow 103672, U.S.S.R.

Braille production
8,000,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas, especially manuals for secondary and high schools, socio-political and economic literature, music (notes) reviews
no volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
265 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
Braille system followed

Braille distribution
30% sold, 50% loaned, 20% given free
braille material available:
12,800 recreational titles
69 textbooks
12 magazines
vocational material
other: drawings, technical drawings, schemes, maps
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
42,000 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape
tape speeds 3¾ ips (for original), 2.38 cm/sec (for copies)
recorded on full track
maximum program length 260 min. per side
DIN equalization used
290 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
3,600 titles available
100% Russian
4% textbooks, 73% recreational reading, 9% vocational material, 14% other
100% open reel
patron must return material
machine is loaned to patron
machines cost less than $100
machine speeds 15/16, 3¾ ips; 8, 33⅓ rpm
machine manufacturers include enterprises in Vilnius (Daina model) and Saratov (Disc Player Lider 205)
mailing containers: plastic boxes
maximum 8 tapes or discs per package
mailing containers are reusable
over 30,000 mailing containers sent out each year
M73-28 duplication system used to record sample material

General information
patrons are students, lawyers, clerks, workers, elderly people, and professionals
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1925

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Yugoslavia

Jagoš Duretic
Filip Višnjic Inst. for Publishing Activities
Ustanička br. 25/I, PO Box 59
11001 Beograd, Yugoslavia

Braille production
in numerous subject areas
stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
150 titles produced in 1979
uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille material available:
recreational titles
100 textbooks
10 magazines
vocational material
other: scientific material
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
2,000–3,000 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch and ½-inch open reel tape, Philips Compact Cassette
tape speed 7½ ips
recorded on full track, 4 channel
maximum program length 90 min. per side
NAB equalization used
200 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
2,180 titles available
100% Serbian
10% textbooks, 60% recreational reading, 25% vocational material, 5% other
100% open reel (have just begun using Clarke & Smith Tapette)
patron must return material
machine is loaned to patron
machines cost more than $100
machine speeds 15/16, 1 7/8, 3 3/4 ips
machine manufacturers include Philips (various models), Telex (Model 300), Grundig (various models), and TBC-Player
mailing containers: YU-Containers
maximum 6 open reel tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
10,000 mailing containers sent out each year
AMPEX for open reel and TELEX for Philips cassettes are used to record sample material

General information
patronage varied (all ages, education levels)
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created by government
established in 1917

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Yugoslavia

Savez Slijepih Hrvatske
Republički Odbor
Draskoviceva 80
41000 Zagreb, Yugoslavia

Braille production
350,000 pages per month
specialize in fiction, textbooks, and science literature (history, philosophy, psychology, sociology, pedagogy)
no volunteers
stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
40 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
50% sold, 25% loaned, 25% given free
braille material available:
60% recreational titles
25% textbooks
4 magazines
vocational material
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
12 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on 1/4-inch open reel tape and Philips Compact Cassette
tape speeds 3 3/4 ips (copies), 7 1/2 ips (originals)
recorded on full track
maximum program lengths 45 min. per side (originals), 90 min. per side (copies)
NAB and DIN equalizations used
100 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
1,000 titles available
100% Croatian (language courses in English, German, French, and Italian)
20% textbooks, 70% recreational reading, 10% vocational material
60% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return material
patron purchases machine
machines cost more than $100
machine speeds 3¾ ips and 33⅓ rpm; other: 48
machine manufacturers include Philips, Revox (model A77), Grundig (model TK144), and Telefunken
mailing containers: plastic boxes (cassettes), cardboard boxes (braille books), thick cardboard boxes (tapes)
maximum 10 cassettes, 4 braille books, 8 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
Philips duplication system used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 67% employed and retired persons, 33% professionals
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1946

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Cyprus

Mr. P. Theophylactou
Headmaster, School for the Blind
Nicosia, Cyprus

Braille production
800 pages per month
specialize in textbooks
no volunteers
stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
40 titles produced in 1979
both contracted (English books) and uncontracted (Greek books) braille used
Braille Primer, 1969 Revised Edition, followed

Braille distribution
70% loaned, 30% given free
braille material available:
100 recreational titles
950 textbooks
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
95 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette and ½-inch open reel tape
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on 4 tracks
maximum program length 60 min. per side
40 titles recorded in 1979
unwilling to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
240 titles available
4% English, 96% Greek,
42% textbooks, 58% recreational reading
40% open reel, 60% Philips Compact Cassette
some recordings kept by patron, some must be returned
machine: both purchased by patron and loaned
machine costs vary
machine speed 3¾ ips
machine manufacturers include Grundig (model TK 146-147)
mailing containers: leather cassette wallet (no special container for reel tapes)
maximum 2 cassettes per package
mailing containers are reusable
1,200 mailing containers sent out each year
Sony, 3 slaves, duplication system used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 67% students, 33% elderly for open reel tape, 100% elderly for cassette
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1929

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Egypt

The Demonstration Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Blind
184 Fareek Aziz El Masry St.
Heliopolis Cairo, Egypt

Braille production
12,000 pages per month (includes copies)
specialize in books for schools of the blind in Egypt
no volunteers
stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
143 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used

Braille distribution
100% sold
braille material available:
500 magazines
library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or visually impaired
distribution to other countries allowed
2 organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
no master tapes maintained—tapes recorded directly from voice or bought from a commercial producer

Talking Book distribution
100% Arabic
100% textbooks
patron keeps recorded material
machine is loaned to patron
machines cost more than $100
machine manufacturers include National (model N.E.C.)

General information
patrons are 90% students
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1953

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Israel

The Central Library for the Blind
4 Histadrut St.
Nathanya, Israel

Braille production
6,000–8,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
100% by volunteers
hand copying used
250 titles produced in 1979

Braille distribution
90% loaned, 10% given free
braille material available:
2,405 recreational titles
1,600 textbooks
2 magazines
other: educational material, special children's books, maps
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind and handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
500 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape and Philips Compact Cassette
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on half track (2-track)
maximum program length 45 min. per side
NAB equalization used
150 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
1,617 titles available
10% Arabic, 80% Hebrew, 10% Yiddish
20% textbooks, 80% recreational reading
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speeds 1⅞, 3¾ ips
machine manufacturers include Sony, Philips
mailing containers: plastic containers
maximum 12 cassettes per package
mailing containers are reusable
TELEX Duplicating Machine, 9 slaves, used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 50% elderly, 50% professionals
amount of material produced and distributed much higher to moderately higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1949

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Israel

Society of the National Library for the Blind
Sho'fat
Jerusalem, Israel

Braille production
1,500 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
hand copying used
75 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
75% loaned, 25% given free
braille material available:
recreational titles
50 textbooks
vocational material
library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
80 persons and 8 organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette
maximum program length of 30 min. per side
10 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
81 titles available
15% English, 85% Arabic
30% textbooks, 70% recreational reading
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
machines both purchased by patron and loaned
machines cost more than $100
machine manufacturers include Philips (model 300)
TELEX system used to record sample material (5 slaves)

General information
patrons are 67% students and 33% elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1964

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Lebanon

F. Ziegler, Director
PO Box 80250
Bourj Hammoud, Lebanon

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille material available:
200 recreational titles
150 textbooks
library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
50 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material produced and distributed much lower than 5 years ago (because of civil war)
created by government
established in 1926

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Libya

Association for the Blind
PO Box 583
Benghazi, Libya

Braille production
specialize in textbooks and literature
no volunteers
stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
14 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
100% given free
braille material available:
5 recreational titles
47 textbooks
library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on Clarke & Smith Tapette
tape speed (master tapes) 3¾ ips
recorded on full track, mono 2 sides
49 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
100% Arabic
15% textbooks, 85% recreational reading
100% Clarke & Smith Tapette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine (at 50% of cost)
machines cost less than $100
machine speed 15/16 ips
machine manufacturers include Clarke & Smith (model 786), Ferrograph (series seven), Sony (models CCP-13A and ORM-10)
no mailing containers (recorded material delivered personally)
Clarke & Smith (11 slaves) and Sony (cass. 3 slaves) used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 67% students and 33% professionals
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
established both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1961

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Saudi Arabia

Department of Special Education
Ministry of Education
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Braille production
1,400 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
60 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
The International System followed

Braille distribution
100% given free
braille material available:
233 textbooks
vocational material
other: embossed maps, diagrams, thermoform charts and illustrations, and mathematical terms
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
2 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape and Phillips Compact Cassette
tape speed 1⅞ ips
recorded on two tracks (one track on each side)
maximum program lengths 30 and 45 min. per side
REC equalization used
700 titles recorded in 1979
not willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
700 titles available
10% English, 90% Arabic
30% textbooks, 5% recreational reading, 15% vocational material, 50% other
patron keeps recorded material
patron purchases machine
machine costs vary
machine speed 1⅞ ips
mailing containers: none
TELEX 300 used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 40% teachers, 60% students
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by government
established in 1962

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Tunisia

National Union for the Blind of Tunisia
81 Avenue de Londras
Tunis, 1000 RP, Tunisia

Braille production
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
17–18 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
rules followed: 2 degrees and in Arabic, French, and English

Braille distribution
30% sold, 25% loaned, 45% given free
braille material available:
- 35 recreational titles
- 26 textbooks
- vocational material
- other: demonstration, cartes, anatomy, science, mathematics, geography, games

library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
4 countries ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette
tape speed 3¾ ips
record on full track
maximum program lengths 60 and 90 min. per side
50 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
350 titles available
50% Arabic, 25% French, 15% English, 10% Spanish
60% vocational material, 25% textbooks, 10% recreational reading, 5% other
100% Philips Compact Cassette
Some recordings purchased by patron, some must be returned
machines both purchased by patron and loaned
machines cost over $100
machine speeds 1⅞ and 3¾ ips
mailing containers: small plastic boxes
maximum 5 cassettes per package
mailing container is reusable
450 mailing containers sent out each year

General information
patrons are students, lawyers, and other professionals
created both by government and by volunteers
established in 1956

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Canada

Charles Crane Memorial Library
1874 East Mall
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia
Canada V6T 1W5

Braille production
100–300 pages per month
in numerous subject areas, especially special order transcription for university students
IBM braille typewriters used
20–35 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
North American Braille Authority followed

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille material available:
15,000 recreational titles
30–40 textbooks
45 magazines
vocational material
other: catalogs of the library's collection, subject updates
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution limited to Canada
1,100 braille items ordered in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape (masters) and Philips Compact Cassette (duplicates)
tape speed 3¾ ips (masters)
recorded on full track and half track
maximum program length 45 min. per side
NAB equalization used
3,500 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
33,000 titles available
92% English, 7% French, 1% German
80% textbooks, 20% recreational reading
25% open reel, 75% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
machines both purchased by patron and loaned
machines cost more than $100
machine manufacturers include Sony (models TC 110 B, TC 55, TC 105 reel)
mailing containers: APH (L.C.) and custom-made shippers
maximum 6 cassettes or 4 reels per package
mailing containers are reusable
15,000 mailing containers sent out each year
TELEX 32-1, 18 slaves, used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 67% students, 33% professionals and recreational readers
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
established in 1968

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Canada

Canadian National Institute for the Blind
1929 Bayview Ave.
Toronto, Ontario
Canada M4G 3E8

Braille production
in numerous subject areas
3,000 pages per month
90% by volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication; and computer embossing and press duplication used
325 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used
English Braille, American Edition, followed

Braille distribution
35% sold, 60% loaned, 5% given free
braille material available:
3,200 recreational titles
2,500 textbooks
82 magazines
vocational material
other: government pamphlets and informational material
library maintained
materials exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed (any CNIB-produced material can be distributed anywhere via interlibrary loan)
1,000 persons and organizations ordered braille materials in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on open reel tape
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on full track, 4-track monaural
maximum program length 90 min. per side
350 titles recorded in 1979 (includes 98 magazine issues)
willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
5,000 titles available
90% English, 10% French
40% textbooks, 50% recreational reading, 10% vocational materials
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return materials
patron must purchase machine (student and vocational), or machine is given to patron (recreational)
machines cost over $100 (Can.)
machine speeds 15/16 ips, 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers are Telex Corporation (models CAN 77 & 78), General Electric (model 1502-3)
mailing containers: padded cases designed for CNIB, flap insert, plastic window
maximum 3 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
350,000 mailing containers sent out each year
Telex 300 series 8:1, 9 slaves, cassette duplicator used to record sample materials

General information
patrons are 60% elderly, 40% students and vocational
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
established in 1918

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Canada

Community Tape Resource Library
Patrick Power Library
Saint Mary's University
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Canada B3H 3C3

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
tape speed 1⅞ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program length 45 min. per side
NAB equalization used
100 titles recorded in 1979
willing to exchange (loan) master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
300 titles available
97% English, 3% French
95% textbooks, 5% vocational material
100% Philips Compact Cassette (C90 two track)
patron must return recorded material
machines are loaned to patrons
machines cost more than $100
machine speeds 15/16 and 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers include Sony (model TC 110B), Hitachi (model TRQ-341), General Electric, Sanyo, Philco Ford, Holiday, and Panasonic
mailing containers: jiffy bags
maximum 12 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
30 mailing containers sent out each year
Wollensack 2770 AV High Speed Duplicator used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 95% students, 5% professionals
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1976

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Canada

Library Development Commission
203 1525 West 8th Avenue
Vancouver, British Columbia
Canada V6T 1T5

no response

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Canada

Montreal Association for the Blind
7000 Sherbrooke St. West
Montreal, Quebec
Canada H4B 1R3

Braille production
400 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
30% by volunteers
hand copying (Thermoform Reproducer) used
22 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille material available:
- 350 recreational titles
- 105 textbooks
- 23 magazines
- vocational material
- other: special orders

library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped (special exceptions made)
distribution limited to Quebec
40 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes not maintained—volunteers tape books requested by students
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette
tape speed 1⅞ ips
recorded on half track (2 track)
maximum program lengths 30, 45, 60, and 90 min. per side
not willing to exchange master copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
85% English, 15% French
20% textbooks, 75% recreational reading, 5% vocational material
5% open reel, 20% Philips Compact Cassette, 65% phonograph disc, 10% braille
patron must return recorded material
machine is loaned to patron
machines cost more than $100
machine speeds 1⅞ ips and 8, 16, and 33 ⅓ rpm
machine manufacturers include APH Talking Book Reproducers (model TR-1000) and Sony (cassette 2-track, standard compact)
mailing containers: metal-reinforced heavy duty cardboard
maximum 7 tapes or discs per package
mailing containers are reusable
8,000 mailing containers sent out each year

General information
patrons are 75% adults, 25% students and professionals
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1908

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Canada

Provincial Resource Centre for the Visually Impaired
4196 W. 4th Ave.
Vancouver, British Columbia
Canada, V6R 4J5

Braille production
500 pages per month
specialize in elementary and secondary school textbooks (all subjects)
40% by volunteers
hand copying used
10 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
English Braille, American Edition (APH), followed

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille materials available:
500 textbooks
library maintained
materials exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution limited to Canada
65 persons and organizations ordered braille materials in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
1,000 titles available
100% English
100% textbooks
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return materials
machines both purchased by patron and loaned
machine costs vary
machine speeds 15/16 and 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers include G.E. (model 3-5192A)
mailing containers: cartons, cassette albums, compressed paper boxes
maximum 6 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
700 mailing containers sent out each year
Alpha System used to record sample materials

General information
patrons are 100% students, K-12th grade
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by government
established in 1978

607

Canada

Ross Macdonald School
G. C. Whetstone, Superintendent
Provincial Centre for the Visually Handicapped
Brantford, Ontario
Canada N3T 3J9

Braille production
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
no braille book titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
Library of Congress rules followed

Braille distribution
none (most of the braille material is used by students at the school)
library maintained
materials not exchanged with other organizations

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape and Philips Compact Cassette
tape speed 1⅞ ips
recorded on full track
maximum program length 30 min. per side

Talking Book distribution
none (materials used in the school only)

General information
amount of materials and services produced much higher than 5 years ago

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United States

Leslie L. Clark
Technical Information Unit
American Foundation for the Blind
15 West 16th St.
New York. NY 10011 U.S.A

no response

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United States

American Printing House for the Blind
1839 Frankfort Ave.
Louisville, KY 40206 U.S.A.

Braille production
5,000,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication; and computer embossing and press duplication used
209 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
Standard English Braille, Grade II, followed

Braille distribution
99% sold, 1% given free
braille material available:
1,000 recreational titles
500 textbooks
100 magazines
vocational material
other: a wide variety
no library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
2,500 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette
recorded on full track
maximum program lengths of 30, 45, 60, and 90 min. per side
700 titles recorded in 1979

Talking Book distribution
1,000 titles available
100% English
10% textbooks, 80% recreational reading, 10% vocational material
40% Philips Compact Cassette, 60% phonograph disc
patron keeps recorded material
machines both purchased by patron and loaned
machine costs vary
machine speeds 15/16 ips, 8 rpm
machine manufacturers include APH-GE (model P/B 3-5194)
mailing containers: wide variety
maximum 6 tapes or discs per package
mailing containers are reusable
1,100,000 mailing containers sent out each year
Scully-cassette, 16:1 speed, 10 slaves, used to record sample materials

General information
patrons are 33% students, 67% adults
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
established in 1858

610

United States

The Cassette Library of the Jewish Guild for the Blind
15 West 65th St.
New York, NY 10023 U.S.A.

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
tape speed 7½ ips
recorded on half track
maximum program length 30 min. per side
RIAA equalization used
100 titles recorded in 1979
not willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
no titles available
100% English
100% recreational reading
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
machines both purchased by patron and borrowed
machine costs vary
machine speed 1⅞ ips
mailing containers: American Printing House containers
maximum 54 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
15,000 mailing containers sent out each year
TELEX 300 used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 75% elderly, 25% professionals and students
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1974 (cassette library only)

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United States

Braille, Taping Service
Cleveland Society for the Blind
1909 East 101st Street
Cleveland, OH 44106 U.S.A.

Braille production
6,400 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
100% by volunteers (all transcribers are certified)
hand copying used
145 titles produced in 1979 (75 for Library of Congress, 70 school texts—76,100 pages total)
both contracted (Grade 2) and uncontracted braille used (varies according to patron request)
Library of Congress and National Braille Association code books and manuals followed

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
master tapes sent to Library of Congress or to requesting patron
recorded on ¼-inch open reel or Philips Compact Cassette

Talking Book distribution
only to patrons requesting specific recorded materials
75% textbooks, 10% recreational reading, 15% vocational material
40% open reel, 60% Philips Compact Cassette
some recordings kept by patron, some must be returned
machines both purchased by patron and loaned
machine costs vary
machine speeds 15/16, 1⅞, 3¾ ips
machine manufacturers include Sony, General Electric
mailing containers: padded jiffy bags
maximum 4 7-inch reels per package

General information
braille distribution 50-60% student and job-related materials, 40% Library of Congress requests
tape distribution 50% students and schools, 25% recreational, 25% professional
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established after World War I as part of Red Cross (braille) and in 1967 (taping)

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United States

H.J. Spar
Director, Helen Keller National Center for Deaf/Blind Youths and Adults
111 Middle Neck Rd.
Sands Point, NY 11050 U.S.A.

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
no response

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United States

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
State Library Services
Box 30007
Lansing, MI 48909 U.S.A.

Braille production
25 pages per month by 2 certified braillists
in numerous subject areas (per patron request)
100% by volunteers
hand copying used
contracted braille used
Library of Congress rules followed

Braille distribution
volunteer-produced material given free
library collection loaned (981 braille volumes loaned in March 1980)
braille material available:
8,591 recreational titles (37,977 volumes)
textbook collection being established in fiscal year 1980
42 magazines
vocational materials
library maintained
materials exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind and physically handicapped
distribution limited to United States
953 individuals, 160 organizations ordered braille materials in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recording speeds 1⅞, 3¾ ips
can record 2 tracks on full track
maximum program length 45 min. per side
400 titles recorded in 1979
will duplicate all tapes but will not exchange masters with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
8,600 titles available
in English, small number in Finnish
25% textbooks, 75% vocational materials
60% Philips Compact Cassette, 40% phonograph disc (Library of Congress material only)
patron must return materials
machine is loaned to patron
machine costs less than $100
machine speeds 15/16 and 1⅞ ips (tape); 8, 16, 33⅓ rpm (disc)
machine manufacturers include General Electric
mailing containers: APH design—plastic
maximum 6 tapes or discs per container
recorded sample material produced on narrator's personal equipment

General information
9,308 individual patrons, including 852 juveniles
9,530 individual patrons in institutions
60% of patrons over age 60
production of materials about same as 5 years ago
distribution of materials much higher than 5 years ago
an NLS regional library
Michigan legislature mandated library's place within the state library
established in 1931

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United States

National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped
79 Madison Ave.
New York, NY 10016 U.S.A.

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed same as 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1967

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United States

National Association for Visually Handicapped
305 East 24th St.
New York, NY 10010 U.S.A.

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
patrons are all partially sighted, use large print materials
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
established in 1954

616

United States

National Braille Association
654A Godwin Avenue
Midland Park, NJ 07432 U.S.A.

Braille production
15,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
100% by volunteers
hand copying used
50 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
both contracted and uncontracted braille used for foreign language material
Code of Braille Textbook Formats and Techniques, 1977, followed

Braille distribution
100% sold
braille material available:
104 recreational titles
1,000 textbook titles
vocational materials
other: music
no library maintained
distribution not limited to handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
431 persons or organizations ordered braille materials in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed somewhat lower than 5 years ago
established in 1945

617

United States

National Braille Press, Inc.
88 St. Stephen Street
Boston, MA 02115 U.S.A.

Braille production
2 million pages per month
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers used
stereograph, plate and computer embossing, and press duplication used
5 titles produced in 1979
both contracted and uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
5% sold
95% given free
braille material available:
11 magazines
other: playing cards, business cards, music reprints, signs, special formats
no library maintained
no exchange of material with other organizations
distribution not limited to handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
2,000 persons or organizations ordered braille materials in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
established in 1927

618

United States

Mr. K. Jernigan
President, National Federation of the Blind
Randolph Hotel Bldg.
Des Moines, IA 50309 U.S.A.

no response

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United States

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
The Library of Congress
Washington, DC 20542 U.S.A.

Braille production
40,832 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
60% by volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication; and computer embossing and press duplication used
320 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
English Braille, American Edition, followed

Braille distribution
100% loaned
braille material available:
6,500 recreational titles
34 magazines
vocational material
other: print-braille for juveniles
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution limited to the United States and to U.S. citizens living abroad
22,360 persons ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel tape (masters) and Philips Compact Cassette (copies)
tape speeds 15/16 (copies) and 3¾ (masters) ips
recorded on half track (masters) and 4 track (copies)
maximum program length 88 min. per side
DIN equalization (for recording); NLS system (playback)
1,275 titles recorded on cassette in 1979
willing to discuss, on a one-to-one basis, exchange of master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
15,000 titles available
99% English, a small amount of French, German, and Spanish
no textbooks, 60% recreational reading, 3% vocational material, 37% non-fiction (instructional)
63% Philips Compact Cassette, 22% phonograph disc, 15% braille
some recordings kept by patron, some must be returned
machine is loaned to patron
machines cost less than $100
machine speeds 15/16 and 1⅞ ips and 8⅓, 16⅔, and 33⅓ rpm
machine manufacturer is NLS (disc machines: A-71, 72, 73, 75, 76, 77, 78) (cassette machines: C-74, 75, 76, 77, 78)
mailing containers: NLS-produced
maximum 6 cassettes or 12 discs per package
mailing containers are reusable
15,000,000 mailing containers sent out in 1979

General information
patrons are 60% elderly, 40% students and professionals
amount of services and material produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by government
established March 3, 1931

620

United States

Abby Kooth
Project for Handicapped College Students
Box 97
Teachers College, Columbia University
New York, NY 10027 U.S.A.

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
none

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United States

Recording for the Blind, Inc.
215 East 58th St.
New York, NY 10022 U.S.A.

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
no response

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded ¼-inch open reel tape
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on quarter track
NAB equalization used
maximum program length 60 min. per side
4,000 titles recorded in 1979
not willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
52,000 titles available
98% English, 2% other (French, German, Spanish, Russian)
90% textbooks, 5% vocational material, 5% material pertaining to courses or professional work
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
patron purchases machine
machine costs more than $100
machine speed 1⅞ ips
machine manufacturers include APH/GE (model 3-5193) and Library of Congress (dual speed model)
mailing containers: soft plastic
maximum 2 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable
50,000 mailing containers sent out each year
TELEX 300, 8:1 speed, used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 85% students, 10% professionals, 5% non-student adults
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations
established in 1951

622

United States

S. Grout
Exec. V. Pres., The Seeing Eye, Inc.
P.O. Box 375
Morristown, NJ 07960 U.S.A.

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
established in 1929

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United States

Sixth District PTA
Braille Transcription Project
101 North Bascom
San Jose, CA 95128 U.S.A.

Braille production
5,000 master and 20,000 duplicate pages per month
in numerous subject areas
100% by volunteers
thermoform duplicates made
152 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille (Grade II) used
English Braille, American Edition, followed

Braille distribution
some sold (at cost of materials) and some given free
braille material available:
3,000 recreational titles
1,200 textbooks
vocational material
other: everything except religious material
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
35 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1975

Talking Book production
record only on special request
master tapes maintained
recorded on ¼-inch open reel and Philips Compact Cassette
tape speed 1⅞ ips
recorded on half track
RIAA equalization used
3 titles recorded in 1979

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
patrons are 75% students, 25% varied population
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created by volunteers
established in 1956

624

United States

Teachers College Library
Columbia University
New York, NY 10027 U.S.A.

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
no response

625

United States

Telesensory Systems, Inc.
3408 Hillview Ave., PO Box 10099
Palo Alto, CA 94304 U.S.A.

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
100% given free
braille material available:
1 magazine
other: TSI product brochures
library maintained
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
5,000 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
established in 1971

626

United States

Veterans Administration
Department of Medicine and Surgery
Washington, DC 20420 U.S.A.

no response

701

Bahamas

The Salvation Army
PO Box N 205
Nassau, Bahamas

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
5% loaned, 95% given free
braille material available:
25 recreational titles
100 textbooks
other: watches and other items useful to the blind
library maintained
materials exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
50 persons and organizations ordered braille materials in 1979

Talking Book production
no master tapes maintained
tape speeds 1⅞ ips, 3¾ ips
recorded on full track
maximum program length 90 min. per side
10 titles recorded in 1979

Talking Book distribution
100 titles available
100% English
75% textbooks, 25% recreational reading
some recordings kept by patron, some must be returned
machine is loaned to patron
machine costs vary
machine speeds 15/16, 1⅞, 3¾ ips; 8, 16, 33 ⅓ rpm
machine manufacturers are G.E. and Philips (tape recorders) and Sony (record/tape)
patrons pick up recorded material; no need for mailing containers
G.E. recorder used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 60% own students, 30% local people, 10% elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created by government
established in 1865 in London, 1931 in the Bahamas

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Barbados

Barbados Assoc. for the Blind and Deaf, Inc.
Mrs. A. Forde, Hon. Sec.
The Shrubbery, LR Collymore Rock
St. Michael, Barbados

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of materials and services produced and distributed is at the same level as 5 years ago
created by volunteer organizations

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Bermuda

Bermuda Library
Hamilton 5 31
Bermuda

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette
maximum program length 45 min. per side
6 titles recorded in 1979

Talking Book distribution
100 titles available
100% English
95% recreational reading, 5% local reports
100% Philips Compact Cassette
patron must return recorded material
machines both purchased by patron and loaned
machines cost less than $100
machine manufacturers include Sony Nordmende, Hitachi, and Stanfax
mailing containers: plastic
maximum 8 tapes per package
mailing containers are reusable

General information
patrons are mostly elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by government
Bermuda Library established in 1839; Talking Book service established in 1974

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Brazil

Fundação Para O Livro Do Cego No Brasil
Rua Dr. Diogo De Faria, 558
04037 Sao Paulo SP, Brazil

Braille production
324,000 pages per month
in numerous subject areas
20% by volunteers
hand copying; stereograph, plate embossing, and press duplication used
301 titles produced in 1979
contracted braille used
Portuguese Contracted Braille, Grade II, followed

Braille distribution
10% loaned, 90% given free
braille material available:
104 recreational titles
130 textbooks
library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
1,200 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
master tapes maintained
recorded on Clarke & Smith Tapette cartridge
tape speed 3¾ ips
recorded on one track
maximum program length 120 min. per side
NAB equalization used
72 titles recorded in 1979
not willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
526 titles available
100% Portuguese
95% recreational reading, 5% other
100% Clarke & Smith Tapette
patron must return recorded material
machine is loaned to patron
machine speed 15/16 ips
machine manufacturers include Clarke & Smith
mailing containers: Clarke & Smith
maximum 1 tape per package
mailing containers are reusable
1,071 mailing containers sent out each year
Clarke & Smith duplication system used to record sample material

General information
patrons are 50% students, 50% elderly
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1946

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Costa Rica

Instituto de Rehabilitacion Para Ciegos Helen Keller
Tribi Ruta 22
Carretera a Desamparados Aptdo 2430
San Jose, Costa Rica

Braille production
80 pages per month
specialize in material for elementary school (math, reading, social studies)
no volunteers
hand copying used
6 titles produced in 1979
uncontracted braille used

Braille distribution
none (materials used in own school)

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
established in 1975

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El Salvador

Centro de Rehabilitacion Para Ciegos Eugenia de Duenas
21 Calle Poniente 240
San Salvador, El Salvador

Braille production
materials for classroom use only
hand copying used
uncontracted braille used
O.B.C.I. system followed

Braille distribution
none (used in own school only)
library maintained

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
created by government
established in 1943

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Guatemala

Comite Nacional Prociegos y Sordomudos de Guatemala
4a. Avenida 2-28, Zona 1
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
90% loaned, 10% given free
braille material available:
- 75 recreational titles
- 25 textbooks
- 3 magazines
- vocational material
- other: The New Testament

library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution limited to Guatemala
200 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none (talking book section is being developed)

General information
amount of material and services produced and distributed moderately higher than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations

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Panama

Professor P.A. Salinas
Centro de Rehabilitacion Para Ciegos Andres C. Toro
Apartado Postal 41, Zona 15
Panama, Republic de Panama

Braille production
in numerous subject areas
no volunteers
hand copying used

Braille distribution
braille material available:
- recreational titles
- textbooks
- other: Review from Overseas

library maintained
material not exchanged with other organizations
distribution limited to blind or handicapped
distribution limited to Panama

Talking Book production
master tapes not maintained
recorded on Philips Compact Cassette
maximum program lengths 60 and 90 min. per side
not willing to exchange master tape copies with other organizations

Talking Book distribution
8% English, 2% French, 90% Spanish
100% textbooks
100% Philips Compact Cassette
some recordings kept by patron, some must be returned
patron purchases machine
machines cost less than $100
machine speed 33 ⅓ rpm and 45 rpm
machine manufacturers include Sony and National
mailing containers are not reusable

General information
patrons are 100% students
amount of material and services produced and distributed much higher than 5 years ago
created by government
established in 1952

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West Indies

Saint Lucia Blind Welfare Association
P.O. Box 788 Castries
Saint Lucia, West Indies

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Braille production
none

Braille distribution
none

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
created by government and by voluntary organizations
established in 1972

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West Indies

Salvation Army School for Blind and Visually Handicapped Children
PO Box 562
Kingston 8, Jamaica, West Indies

Braille production
none

Braille distribution
90% loaned, 10% given free
Braille material available:
1,500 recreational titles
500 textbooks
library maintained
material exchanged with other organizations
distribution not limited to blind or handicapped
distribution to other countries allowed
75 persons and organizations ordered braille material in 1979

Talking Book production
none

Talking Book distribution
none

General information
patrons are 90% students, 10% former students
amount of material and services produced and distributed somewhat lower than 5 years ago
created both by government and by volunteer organizations
established in 1927

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